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Laredo 28th July 1864

W. H. Perkins

2265

Urging the necessity of pushing on the forwarding to Matamoras

Laredo, July 28th 1864.

Colonel,

I respectfully ask your attention to the Necessity of urging upon Agents at the several Places on the Rio Grande Charged with forwarding Cotton to Matamoras to prompt action in putting it forward as fast as received and sent in Order. Unless the matter is pushed there will be great delay. It is bad enough at the best. It should never be shipped without being put in Order as it will be wanted on the Chaparal & On the roads. (Mexicans drive miles off the roads to get grass and the Musket thieves are thick on the roads.)

Another point is As to the means of getting a permit to pass Government Cotton. The difficulties can best be shown by reference to a Case actually occurring.

A lot of Cotton belonging to the government is landed here - the Agent receives it, pays freight if he has the money or must sells Cotton to get it - he cannot sell the Cotton ~~as he pays~~ until it can be cleared at the Custom house nor can he ship it himself. He has to prepare an affidavit and if he can find the Justice of the peace and find him sober enough (There is Only One here Or in the County I believe) he swears to it. sends it to San Antonio by express generally for Mails seldom come out in the Course of ten days at best he gets a Certificate allowing the Cotton (Confederate States property) to go Over. Again - and such Cases are today. Inspecting here. Traders have bought Out Cotton to divide with the government under Contract with Agents of the Cotton Office. They are ready to deliver the half but must permit to ship the other half and Cannot get it. Their teams are dying as there is no grass in twelve miles - they cannot buy their supplies nor do anything - They have acted in good faith but the government pay not. - See Copy enclosed -

Very respectfully

W. W. Parker Capt

To Lt. Col. H. St. A. Burnside.

Lorado. 26th July 1864

1302

W. H. Perkins

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Relating to the purchase
of a wool-carding
machine, & Machels.

Answ. refused

Laredo. July 26th 1864.

Colonel,

I have received the letter of A. B. Kendrick, Commissary &c. endorsed by you 16th July directing me to purchase a Wool Carding Machine for making hats.- I shall endeavour myself as directed to export it from abroad if not to be had in Matamoros.- I fear it will Cannot be had there.- I have seen and enquired of Mr. including the Spinning Machinery &c. to prepare the Material for the loom but whether this Can be divided As whether the Machine Can ever be had at all I Cannot say.- I shall probably if there is Cloth take two Chances of getting the Machine in say to Galveston from Havanna by vessel and also via the route.- Would such a transaction be approved? I do not think they ought to Cost Over $400. each and two Cannot be much amiss when there is so much work as in Texas.-

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt

To Lt Col W. A. Bradwell
Chf Cotton Bureau Trans
Houston Texas

W. W. Perkins
Supt &c

1503

Laredo, July 25th 1864.

Colonel,

I write you to day, acknowledging receipt of yours of 11th Inst instructing Maj Russell and that of 9th with drfts & U.S. Treasury Notes as receipted for - noting that three drfts of $50000 - did not Come to hand, Nor Maj R explains that you were disappointed in getting them -

I see nothing for me to do but to go to Matamoras to see what Can be done with the Montreal drfts - the green backs and the Ny drft - I regret very much that in the first instance Mr Ripley should have failed upon the exchange making it payable to me - It will impede the Negotiation and very possibly prevent a trade - I shall have Nevertheless do my very best with it - If we Can buy anything at Matamoras with this uncertain sort of funds I will send forward the goods to San Antonio as rapidly as I Can. I must Confess however that I scarcely know how to act - In the first place $25.00 Must be paid here Ar 22.400 lbs Sheet Copper (for Cabs) and 200 bales 5,000 pr Blankets bought by Col Hutchins from Van Mack & Co - (The last of these goods are arriving in this evening and I will start them tomorrow for Alleyton) Next I am urged by Col H. to get rubber and bagging so as to be sure there is enough for 20 000 bales Cotton - This I have to guess at as Contractor agrees to send in enough Direct for 10,000 bales - Besides some Medicines and other Articles are ordered to be bought - Some Surplus to Feed and Generides Command &c - to say Nothing of freights Averaging 25 to $30 pr bale in Specie -

Butler Keys & Walker Contract made the balance
due them debt say about One hundred thousand Dollars
is made payable by me ~~within~~ and become due a
few days ago— They are after me for it. —
To meet all these things I have received and sold 132 bales Cotton
received & expected to New Laredo 77 . .
and have now in Course of being received 95 . .
making in all when I get it . . . . 304 bales.
I sent to Eagle Pass expecting to get at least 500 bales
shipped Matamoras and sold — After Lieut Lane's
staying there a month I get $16.000 in money from
Mr. Lee and the Cotton all the balance of Cotton
in hand being required to Cover his advances
for Supplies furnished the post there, Goods bought
and freights paid — His accounts will show — Of Course
I have nothing to do with them but I hear that he has
been heavily ridden by Officers Commanding at that
making him Commissary and quartermaster as well as
banker for the post and Military Reservation. —
I do not know what Cotton he may have by this
time — A good deal that he has received has been
the "Blumfield" Cotton Mine mouldy & the rind
- damaged - Rat eaten and Dutch eaten until it
is not worth handling) —

I will write to Maj Lee at Eagle Pass
to forward to Me at Matamoras Care A. Putnam & Co
all the Cotton in shipping Condition as fast as it
arrives - selling enough to pay freights out of the worst Cotton. —
Correct him if these instructions do not Conform to your views.

Yr Obt Servt W. W. Perkins

To Lt. Col. H. A. Brandell
Chief Cotton Bureau Mo. Rivers Army.

1801

Lancio. 25th July 1801

Wm Perkins Esqr

2243

Returning the letters of
Col M. of 03. not
Received — DC

Laredo, July 25th 1864.

Colonel,

In yours of 9th July you allude to an enclosure of a letter from Maj Walker in reference to wagons &c. which you send to San Antonio with Cotton. - This enclosure did not come to hand.

You also speak of loading back the teams of Capt Barrett and Capt Bingo indicating that you had previously written to me about them. - I have not received it. -

Neither have I ever had any advices from you in regard to Communications with Maj Winter. Where is he? You speak of instructions about forwarding Cotton to Fraser Trenholm & Co Liverpool - No such letter has been received by me. - .

Further you allude to my being in Correspondence with Col Helm at Matamoras but this is the first intimation I have had from any One that I was expected to do so. -

I knew Fraser Trenholm & Co and should have Communicated with them if practicable to get advances on Consignments to parties related by me. and I have already fixed upon Col Helm as a Correspondent at Matamoras though unknown to him. - His full name I can get at Matamoras. - Perhaps your letters have been sent to Matamoras - If addressed simply Mexico they must if posted in the Republic (or Confederacy?) go to the City of Mexico. - If I do not get your letter I must guess at your wishes as nearly as I can.

Your Obt Servt
W. W. Parkis
Capt &c

To Lt Col M. C. T. Broadnax
Chf Cotton Bureau T. M. D
Houston Texas

Lorado July 25th & 30th 1905

W. M. Perkins

2242

Referring to the receipt of letter from Col B— draft— Wm Butterick $3/575 25 rec'd— Thos Edmonds not yet received.

Laredo, July 25th 1861.

Colonel,

Maj Russell has sent me from San Antonio your respective letter of 9th & 11th Inst. the latter introducing Maj Russell. the former enclosing Quartermasters funds ably left us Mx $31.579.25 & U.S. Treasury notes $3.000. for which I enclose my receipts. The duplicates I will forward by another Conveyance. —

The three dfts of E.B. Edmunds on Mazza & Laredo for $5.000. ea say at sight, 30 ds & 60 ds respectively did not Come to hand but Maj Russell explains that you failed to get them and had not time to advise me before his leaving. — The practical effect is that the only available means designed to be sent here is left out. — I must hurry to Matamoras to see what Can be done with the rest. —

I accept the Act. Instructions for funds received. — Under his instructions I keep no account with the Government except through him and all my disbursements are made in his name. — He and Capt Wells Can explain the instructions I received and my Report for the quarter just ended (delayed until now on account of a supposed ~~—~~ absent transactions made at Eagle Pass reported a few days ago and pending to belong to this quarter) will show the manner of keeping accounts. — In short I keep an account Current and Cr. & and a property account. these and the Vouchers show all my transactions. — Col H incorporating these transactions into his own can put them in shape I trust. —

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt Wm. Perkins
Capt &c

To Lt Col H. J. Brundell
Chf Subsist Bureau Houston

Leeds 26th July 1814
1506.

Wm H. Perkins

2244.

Referring to his accounts
his instructions from
Col Hutchins to keep
all accounts in his
Name

B

Laredo, July 26th 1860.

Colonel,

In yours of 11th by Maj Russell and in his letter to me I am advised that I am to receipt to him for Letter delivered me and to take receipt from him for money paid out on his drafts.- Of course I shall conform as far as practicable but I do not yet see how I am to get his receipts without sending a Messenger to him.- Mails in this Country will not do without Escort.-

My instructions from Col. Hutchins direct me to keep all accounts in his name and to make returns to him by Express Mail Account Current and a property return accompanied by Vouchers, but waiving the making up of Abstracts &c.- A response to my return for the last quarter may start to Col H. will show you something of the manner of keeping my accounts.- I have been alone - have had no Clerk - but have had to write out in full every letter - every account - bills of lading &c (there being no blanks here) except about half a dozen acts) - I cannot well Carry about books and papers or baggage on this Country and I try to have as little book keeping as possible.- There is no such thing as a vault or safe here - even in the Custom House - but every man has to buy his own Specie bag about the time when doing business and lock it at night.-

I shall endeavour in matters of keeping accounts &c as well as in other things, to Conform to rule as nearly as practicable but I Confess I scarcely know I stand.- I can see it in no other light than that I am the Agent of Col Hutchins in the transactions made and his returns should include and Cover all my Transactions.-

Very respectfully W. W. Atkins

To Lt Col W. A. Bromwell
Chief Quarter Master Texas

Matamoras 507
Oct 8. 1864

W. M. Perkins

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Refusing to purchase of
Wm Wade of Boston
Exchange & forwarding
of Army Supplies Buy
$4,000 pr Blankets

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Matamoros, Oct 11th 1864

Colonel,

I bought yesterday 500 Cals Manuelles
at par and 100 Bales Indian Bagging @ 20c p Yd
& found unpacked - Mex duties Cartage & Storage
& Brokerage to add to cost.-

I cannot make the Banks exchange suit
me yet - Nobody seems to want it - If I see no
way of forcing it here I shall send it over
for Acceptance I think and especially if I can make
an Arrangement with some good House for Cotton for
instance to allow me to anticipate its collection.

We have shipped a portion of the Griffin goods and
I am waiting Ass Capt Lynch for transportation - He
is rather slow and believes in economy sometimes down
to the lowest figure and availing himself of the Mule-
-tary Force to get Transportation. - I think we ought
to give fair Living prices and send Mexicans in
so as to make them do the Most of the work the
Rule of the Jew Yankees never as they are
better suited to this sort of Country and can get
through more Cheaply while Men Can feeds
Cuid be employed fighting &c.

Col Hutchins is advised of what goods have gone
forward - I have just sent in 700 pairs Blue Over
-alls very good Article - English Blue Sheeting.

Yr Obt Servt
H W Perkins Aide de Camp

To
Lt Col Wm H Broadnax Surgeon in Chief
Chief Q.M. Houston Texas

Matamoros, Oct 11th 1864

Colonel,

I bought Yesterday 500 Cibs Manilla rope and 100 Bales Indian bagging @ 20 c/s ℔ gold & found unsaleable - Mex Cotton Canvas & Ferrage & Bunnetts I do advise.-

I cannot make the Banker exchange such as Spot - Nobody seems to want it - If I see no Money offering it here I shall send it over for Acceptance I think and especially if I can make an Arrangement with some good House for Steamers for instance to allow me to anticipate its collection.

We have shipped a portion of the Griffin goods and I am waiting Our Capt Lynch for transportation - He is another slow and believes in covering Steamers down to the lowest figure and awaiting moment of the Mule-tary fever to get transportation. - I think we ought to give four Liverpool prices and send Mexicans in so as to make them do the Most of the work then part of the Fortifications Never as they are better suited to this sort of Country and can get through more Cheaply & take their own packs Could be employed privately &c.

Col Robertson is advised of what you do have gone forward - I have just sent in 700 pieces Blue Ker-sey a very good Article - English Blue Sheeting.

Yr Obt Servt
W W Peckham Asst Quartermaster

To
Lt Col Hoffman Brevet
Chief Q. Houston Texas

Malvernas oct 26 1864

W. H. Perkins —

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enclosing sundry letters
+ in reply to shipments
of goods.

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Matamoras, Oct 26th 1864.

Colonel,

I am honored by the receipt of your of 12th Inst from San Antonio enclosing several letters & your address & referred & retain the three bearing your endorsements of reference to me. viz

Maj Gen J. McBryan Adt Gen Aug 25. in Pursuit regulating Col Hutchins Orders &c. referring to Brig Gen Slaughter Sept 2d. about keeping fatigue &c. Citizens. The other letters I enclose herewith the attack you can send forward to Capt Black & be filed &c.

We are thought out the Griffin goods except Some blankets which will be shipped tomorrow if received. The Albatross & Lacent goods are also going off, just as fast as they can be shipped but a big accession of rain today set most the Mule Quartermasters holidays aside & Sunday have interfered seriously; and not only with shipping but with the receipt, sampling and sale of Cotton. I have not sold a bale since you were here except 129 but thought I could be sure to run off some this week at 40 to 41 but the News today is bad, it is said the fence is down several Cots.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W. M. Perkins Asst

Lt Col A. G. Bradwell
Chief Cot Bureau
Houston Texas

Mutuum 1509 1/2 dtr 1865-
Wm m Lonsdale

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advising a remittance
of £100 000 to England
& enquiring of a bill
which to remy Dacres
for purchase of mules

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Matamoras January 12th 1865

Colonel

I have the satisfaction to report that advices have been received this morning by Mr San Roman that the £ 20 obt / 6 Sterling bills drawn by Bk of Commerce has been accepted in London and I am now able to send to Messrs Fraser Trenholm & Co their $ 100 000 — One hundred thousand dollars in Sterling p Credit of Hon C J McRae C Sagbre as stipulated in ordre of Genl Smith of 21st Oct — I have arranged for the Exchange to be drawn to day except about $5 000 — which cannot be had until to morrow (every body takes time in this country) — I regret the long delay already experienced but I did all I could — the Original bills sent from here 14th Oct by N B M War Steamer Sevenhal did not reach London until about 20th November and it has taken almost as long to get the advice back here

My arrangement with Mr San Roman stipulated his Commission to be ½ % (half per cent) and the regular Commission of his bankers in London which I find to be ½ % for procuring acceptance and Collecting and ½ % for accepting and paying his bills in them — This is as cheap as it could be done and makes the exchange nett us 106 ½ whilst at this time I had them here. they could not be sold or used at all and Rothschilds Bills sold at 101 ½ nett ½ % Commission other

By the same Vessel which brought Mr San R's advices, I have the further good news that the McDonald Bro Exchange (£9. 160 / 3), which I received in August (say 1st Sept), back in paying for Army Supplies sent by Seeing train has been paid also — This is a relief the Exchange left here during the Cortina excitement —

I shall probably write you again by this Conveyance

but if you do not hear from me you can count on the $100 000 worth of Sterling being sent

I have had to furnish May Dupuy $100000 Coin Hen as you are aware on last Smith Order - I am now trying to get some Specie to send in to you to meet freights &c but I am afraid I will be too late - Indeed I am getting uneasy to know what I am expected to do next - with money - the Cotton Coming in is terribly mixed unpacked damaged Cotton inside &c and giving trouble without end

Am I expected to buy any Supplies if so, please say what - the Market is filling up rapidly and some leading articles. blankets Shoes, Clothing &c Can be had Cheap I think -

Very Respectfully
Yr obt Svt
W M Perkins
Spl Agt &c

To
Lt Col W D Hutchins
Chf Purchasing Dpt
Houston Texas

"True Copy"
A J Walker
Captain &C

Matamoras March 13th 1865

510.

Wm M Perkins

1270

General information in regard to matters on the Rio Grande

Bill
Sergt Major 2d Cav
28th Sept 1865

Respy forwarded for the information of the Secty War

W. A. Broadwell
Bvt Col

I request that this be returned,

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Matamoras, March 31st 1865.

Colonel,

My returns for the 1st Quarter 1865 have been waiting more than a month for a receipt from Lt. Col. H. Hotchkiss Chief of my accounts kept in his name. Until I get that I cannot have any accounts made out but until it I can close the returns in an hour. My returns for the present quarter I can go on at the end of the month. I shall have nothing to wait for. There are necessarily several Cotton transactions such as European exchange the partial payments to Bowden Riggs & Walker and to Nelson Clements the latter on their separate accounts the old "rifle" cloth and the new cotton for "Gladiator" goods. These things both very unfrequent often prevent returns being made up through the transactions thereby not strictly correct. Many regulations do not contemplate partial payments nor do they make any provision for any such Machine as a Cotton Bureau.

Maj. Ducayet $1110.0000 was all provided for previous to 5th January. I shall send $30.000 or more as he came here from Monterey in December and by depositing Cotton in a Bonded

here for sale account I have the Letter $70.000.
on that he based me the Credit in getting
Cash his Notes - by this means much time
was saved:- I have since paid the $70.000 -
Retained the balance of Cotton counted out and
the little surplus in buying Bentsen Rey's
+ Walker's - I paid them $42.000. a few
days ago and will pay them Lancaster Dem
$15.000 more. - I have 160 bales Cotton landing
from flatboat rather badly damaged by
boat having struck a snag and sunk near
Reynosa. and this I shall offer funds to pay
them. - I cannot see any way through such
them but hope to get out some how. - Such
Cotton as we get is hardly worth 30 Cents,
~~worth~~ and going for grounds and a guarde
of Cotton to pay for a pound of Powder
is "Stiff" work. - Almonte Contract Jones
heavily two. - We have bought Cotton at
28c on Shipboard. - It Costs 2c ~~to~~ just at here
after delivery here - I would rather give here
Cotton at San Antonio @ 15c than to deliver
under his Contract @ 30 on Shipboard. -

I sent Col. Hunter $10.000.00 by Thos B. Lee
& sent our Paying Freights and he sends me Capt.
Wells receipts on behalf of this Govt. - I dont like this -

I have had to pay several claims for inward freights delivered at Alleyton and San Antonio.-

I wrote you I had paid Parker Hamilton accounts for supplies to Col. Ford's Command to about $58.00.-

My payments to Kennedy, King & Fillman for supplies to Rio Grande Troops amounted to $130.00.-

Genl Slaughters Command has been a heavy expense far heavier than he Calculated.- Still I have felt much worried because I had to fight along three months in the dark.- Genl Order of 31st January did not reach me until 9th Inst.- I have refused to purchase a great many things - Such Quarter Master Called for on Genl Slaughters requisition but generally with his entire consent & approval.- I have paid for some Mexicans requisitions in the Medical line but they were visited on and I was charged with Causing the death of men in the field for want of Medicine.. Dr. Gould owed some back Salary if he had the money.-

It has been a regular "Send off" all the time to keep this Command from eating up all the Cotton receipts.- I regret that I have no longer to stay for them but I (You will excuse any want of modesty in saying so.) Can plainly see, that purchases since I quit have been very injudiciously made.- Gen. Slaughter should his attention called to this Case at least which he has just a check as I believe.

I have felt greatly tempted to address a letter to the Commanding General Respectfully suggesting the sending out of an Inspector Competent and faithful, to see and report upon or to Correct the discipline of the troops on this frontier, but this is not my province nor is it proper for me to write to you on the subject.- Still in view of the common expense of these Rio Grande Troops I would say they Cost more than they are worth and with all due respect to Gen'l Slaughter I will say as I said to him "the Command is not with shucks."- I do not think that with the exception of his staff, he is acquainted by his Officers.- There is no discipline and lacking about it.- They may be very good men but as an Organization they Cannot be relied on at all.

Very Respy. Yr. Obt Servt

W. M. Perkins Surgn

Brevet Lieut Col U.S.A.

Brownsville Texas

Laredo. ultg Aug 1864

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Wm R. Perkins

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Referring to the Claim
of King Kennedy &
Stillman for supplies
furnished Ord Stds
Command —

Laredo, May 21st 1864.

Colonel,

Mr W. G. Hale who has been here a day or two informs me that you had written about 1st July in reference to my forwarding Potter & Mary Kennedy & Stillman an Assignment of their respective accounts for Supplies furnished Col Bates Command under their Contract. He tells me they have some $60 to $80.000 of these accounts now - that they must have Cotton or a pretty strong assurance of getting it in a short time Or they must quit furnishing the Supplies - that is the plain English. -

It seems to me they Ought to be paid. I know nothing about the merits of their Contract nor the manner in which they have Complied with it Nor have I any means of knowing. All I see is the Certificates of accounts and these must Mr Hale declares make out a pretty strong Case - It seems to me they Ought to be paid and I must beg Clemency if I had the means and the Orders necessary. - Please say what I can do? Or rather have instructions sent to Your Agent here Or at San Antonio As wherever You want the Cotton delivered to them. - They want Cotton as per Contract, at Alleyton, San Antonio or here at the market price and not Money. -

I am going to Matamoros starting tomorrow P.M. but I have been trying for two weeks to get over and cannot succeed to get off. If you want me to do any thing at Matamoros in reference to this matter instruct me and if practicable it shall be done. - They Ought to be paid. His accounts are signed by ~~Quartermaster~~ Lt. of the line acting Asst. Q.M. & Commissary - Ought I to pay in such cases? - I am no quartermaster nor do I or know what regulations require. -

Your obt Servt

W. W. Perkins

To Lt. Col. W. A. Broadwell

Matamoras 8 Oct. 1814

Wm. M. Perkins.

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Refering to Seizure of 100 bales Cotton by Col Benavides at Soledo. Enclog Copy of order. also Copy of letter of Genl Hendy & Stillman

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"Copy"

Matamoros 8th Oct. 1864

Majs Kenedy Kingr & Stillman

Present

Gentlemen

Allow me to call your attention to the enclos-
-ed Copy of a Special Order (No 53 Sept 27th 1864) issued
at Laredo by Col. Buanides for the seizure of One hundred
Bales Cotton in the hands of Mr D Gilmore Agt. en
route for me; especially to the clause in the
order in which it is stated that this proceeding
was according to instructions from the Agents
of Kenedy Stillman & King Contractors for
furnishing Supplies; and to ask of whether
such an act or such instructions are authorized
or suggested by you or have your approbation.

The whole proceeding seems to me very
strange and irregular. Certainly unauthorized and
illegal, and I can, at least understand it sufficiently
to see that the property of the Government, intrusted to
my management for supplying the army and
meeting the liabilities on the frontier has been taken
by force on the highway and I shall deem it
my duty to do all in my power not only to
prevent a recurrance of such transactions but
to obtain indemnity for the wrong already
done

I am Your obdt Servt

W. W. Peticolas

Capt

W. W. Peticolas Capt

Asst Qr Mr

Matamoras, Oct 10th 1864.

Colonel,

On the 5th inst I had the honour to address you in reference to an unwarranted interference by Col Bowman and Cotton at Laredo in sent to me for sale on government account, and then enclosed you a Copy of his extraordinary Special Order No 23 directing the Cotton to be taken.—

In this Order allusion is instructions from the Agent of the firm of Kenedy & Stillman and Co &c. I deemed it my duty to call their attention to the subject which I did in a letter of 8th inst a Copy of which, together with a Copy of their reply of this date, you have herewith. I cannot but believe that they in any way participated in this transaction of stopping the Cotton and I am unwilling to believe that their agents at Laredo has done so without their authority or knowledge, which I am not ready to admit as the conclusion to which Major K & H have arrived is that Col Bowman derives his instructions from the Agent of Kenedy &c.—

I wish to give the Major K & H the full benefit of their declaration being myself convinced that the interference was without their knowledge or authority.—

Very respectfully, Your Obt Servt

Lt Col W. A. Campbell
Asst Adjt Genl
Austin Texas

W. W. Orton
Capt & A.D.C.

'Copy'

Matamoros Oct 9th 1864.

Wm M. Perkins
Special agt War Dept.
Present

Sir. Your letter of the 8th inst inclosing a copy of an order issued by Col Bonnides dated Sept 27th has just been received

In reply we beg to state that we have given no instructions whatever which related in any manner to the appropriation of any Cotton under your charge or that of Mr Gillmore at Laredo: and we presume that Col Bonnides in his order intended to say that the instructions given by us to our agent at Laredo. Mr S.A. Phelps were to the effect that the nearest supplies upon which the troops at Laredo could depend were those at Ringold Barracks. under charge of Capt Shirk Comm Subsistence

We did mistrust our agent, Mr. Phelps. as we informed Col. Broadwell, Col Ford Capt Merrett & Yourself to furnish no further supplies without an estimate regularly made in accordance with our contract and orders from District Head Quarters. stating at the same time, as the writer Mr W. G. Hale had before done, nearly two months ago to Lt. Leyendecker A.A.A.G. at Laredo. that abundant supplies had been delivered at Rio Grande City. and

that Capt Merritt, A.D.M. and Capt Shinn A.C.S. would furnish the necessary supplies, on requisitions on them.

You will recolect that our contract requires us to furnish Supplies, only after reasonable notice and at points to be designated by the Major General Commanding the District. the object being to enable the contractors to buy on the best terms and in the cheapest market. Having reluctantly consented to deviate from the Contract temporarily, in consequence of the urgent demands on us, and to furnish supplies in Special requisitions from Commanders of Posts, we allowed sufficient time to fall under this irregular system, to enable the officers in charge of the Quartermasters and Commissary Depts. along the line of the Rio Grande, to conform to the terms of the Contract & of orders from District Head Quarters: and we then notified our agents at Eagle Pass and Laredo to cease furnishing supplies until the requisitions were made in accordance with the Contract.

We were also Compelled to this course by your refusal to receive and acknowledge any certified accounts furnished by Lieutenant of the Line, temporarily assigned to duty as Acting Assistant Commissary & Quartermaster, the officers in charge of those Depts. at Laredo, and Eagle Pass, coming, as we understood without your objection.

In order to avoid inconvenience at the remote post of Eagle Pass, we have

however authorized our agent at that post to contract to a limited extent, to furnish actual necessaries, until regular requisitions can be made: but having already furnished abundant supplies. Still, in great part at Ringold Barracks, we respectfully submit that we have discharged our duty, and are not bound, nor have we authority, to transport those supplies to Laredo, and distribute them at other posts.

We have nothing to do with the appropriation of Cotton under your charge, and disclaim the remotest connexion with it. If you will obtain a requisition from any Authorized officer for any amount of such plies which Col Benavides requires, we will at once proceed to purchase and place them at Laredo, so as to release your Cotton, if it can be effected in that way. But we respectfully submit, that we cannot be expected to anticipate the wants of every post on the whole line of the Rio Grande and to furnish supplies in advance of requisitions, and without the slightest reference to our Contract or to the orders which govern us, as well as the officers in Command on the line of the Rio Grande.

Very Respectfully
Your obdt Servts
King Kenedy & Stillman
per W. G. Hale

(Copy signed)

A true Copy
Wm Watkins
Capt & AQM

Recd at Washington Nov. 28th 1863

Wm Lee Pension

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Penola Letter

Pay by Lt. Col. Hotchkiss this 16th W. M. Perkins Aph. Dy.

Sept 16 Pay from Dec. 63 to 31 Dec. 63 1 Month $185.00
" " " 1 Jany 64 to 30 March 64 3 Mos. 555.00

Pay by W. M. Perkins Aph Dy

Noven 15th Pay from 1 April 1864 to 30 June 64 - 3 Mos 555.
" 1 " " " 1 July 1864 to 30 Sept 64 - 3 Mos 555.

Total 10 Months $1.850

Pay
Sept 10 Capt 185.00
20 Do 100.00
Nov. 15 Pay from 1st Jan to 1st Apr. Capt P. Bennet 100.00 385.00
$1.465.00

Alabama Dec. 21st 1864

Col,

I return you, cancelled the Old and informal accounts for pay agent Cohen have now replaced by the regular pay accounts. - the statement also shows the balance in my hands which I am anxious to get rid of. -

I am trying to get my papers up to 31st Complete but the Complications of informal returns - mixture of Capt Commy business - & the unsettled accounts from Ris Squadron &c keep me back - You will hear from me soon with a big bundle. Very truly

Perkins

Nelson Clements is here counting about not getting Cotton enclosed from you &c.

Alexandria La 10th Nov 1863

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W W Perkins

to

Lt Col W A Broadwell

Acknowledging receipt of his favor of 2nd Oct — and would be glad to take a position in the Cotton Bureau after relieved from Duties of the Comd. now occupying his time

Alexandria La, Nov 10th 1863.

Colonel,

I received a few days since at Catile (near this place) Copies of 2 Acts passed from Minden.

At present I am engaged, as I have been since about 1st January last, as Special Agent of the War Department for the settlement of Claims for Arms purchased and seized in Rebl, La & Texas.- During the next week or ten days I expect to complete this branch how so far as it is practicable to do so and proceed to or immediately to Houston Texas when I shall hope to have the pleasure of an interview with you and the Gentlemen named.- The business of my Agency if not Completed will be necessarily suspended indefinitely after that time that I can with propriety engage in other Rebl service for the government.-

I thank you for the manifestation of Confidence indicated by your letter.- I have hitherto declined having any thing to do with the Cotton business but with such an Organization as I believe you could get up, I should be pleased to act.-

Should you think proper to Communicate with me, address me Care of Lt. Wm. Hyer A.D.C. to Gov. Taylor Head Quarters Alexandria.- It might reach here before I could get off.-

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W. W. Perkins

To
Lieut Gen. P. H. Sheridan U.S.A.
Houston Texas

Alexandria La, Nov 7th 1863.

Genl,

I received a few days since at Catile (near this place) Copies of 2 Cots forwarded from Minden.

At present I am engaged, as I have been since about 1st January last, as Special Agent of the War Department for the settlement of Claims for Arms purchased and seized in Ark., La & Texas.- During the next week or ten days I expect to complete this branch how so far as it is practicable to do so and proceed to or immediately to Houston Texas when I shall hope to have the pleasure of an interview with you and the gentlemen named.- The business of my agency if not completed will be necessarily postponed indefinitely after which I am ready that I can with propriety engage in some other service for the government.-

I thank you for the manifestation of confidence indicated by your letter.- I have hitherto declined having any thing to do with the Cotton having but little sympathy with Speculation as I believe you would not use, I should be pleased to act.-

Should you think proper to Communicate with me, address me Care of Lt. Wing A.D.C. to Gen. Dayton Head Quarters Alexandria.- It might reach here before I could get off.-

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W. W. Perkins

Lt. Col. W. H. Crandall
Houston Texas

I should address the Care of this to yourself, Judge Gray & Mr Batchelor that these gentlemen in your absence, may be apprised of my position and contemplated movements.

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Certificate of
Capt. A. Sutton
appraisal of Cotton

Copy

Statement of weights and price of One Hundred and two Bales of cotton delivered to Capt. E Sanbury according to the order of Maj. C Russell

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102 Bales of cotton weighing
48446 @ 20½ $9935.53

The above lots of cotton was classed by me as Strict good ordinary and the above price (20½) was the market price at that time at Brownsville.

Matamoros Nov. 30th 1863

A Pestana
Govt. Agent

I Certify that the is a true copy of Statement furnished me by Mr. A. Pestana

T. Sweeney
Capt. & Asst. Q. M.

Jackson Miss. 1st April 1863

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Lt Genl J. C. Pemberton

Refusing to the Conduct of Lt
Col W. L. Broadwell in assum
to publish Cards - acquits
Col B - of any blame &
acknowledges he was
misinformed -

Copy

Dept of Gulf
East Louisiana

New Orleans Dec 1st 1863

Lieut Col
Asst Adj Gen

General On a telegram addressed to the Hon Secretary of War on the 1st July 1863 in reference to Lieut Col J C Broadwell I used the following language "Examined here by the Government for alleged violation of his purchases, & arrangements having been made for storage & transportation of it delivered to Col Broadwell under his agreement to convey an error into which I had fallen from a Conversation had with Col D. C. day in what I informed him fully as to the above referred and of the immediate cause of the Communication I am fully satisfied I have done him injustice Should the Cotton which I had supposed to be Lost to the Government had not been paid for and by the terms of the agreement was not to be paid for until delivered at Vicksburg Cotton Agent at Port Hudson he informed me belonged to the Quartermaster and not to the Commissary Department and he had therefore nothing to do with it, The large accumulation of sugar at Vicksburg for the Spring Season although much of it was lost by exposure to the rain for want of transportation has greatly increased in value that I am convinced it accommodation cubic feet a ton measurement - Col B. the most faithful of Col Broadwell in all his pecuniary transactions with the Government I have never entertained a doubt -

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
J. C. Sherlock
Lt Col Commanding

(Signed)
Copy of letter of Lieut Col Sherlock to the Secretary of War. Lieut Col Broadwell - by his order -

J. Thompson
A.A.G.

18	Eighteen		Coats	@	18 99	✓	✓	3 34	62
7	Seven		Vests	"	3 75	✓	✓	40	25
10	Ten	Prs	Pants	"	8 115	✓	✓	80	50
20	Twenty	Cards	Agate Buttons	"	57	✓	✓	11	40
6	Six	Pcs Gro	Buttons	"	4 75	✓	✓	28	38
8	Eight	Prs	Scissors	"	58	✓	✓	4	64
1/2	One half	1	Pr Lucing Sick	"	25 45			23	23
35 9/12	Thirty five & Nine twelfths	Doz	Cards	"	15 111	✓	✓	5 57	70
164	One Hundred & Sixty four	1 Pr	Copperas	"	1 43			1 48	72
14 11/12	Fourteen & Ten twelfths	Doz	Combs	"	10.44	(154 86)		10	80
30	Thirty	Boxes	Blacking	"	34			10	20
22	Twenty two		Horse Brushes	"	88			19	36
6	Six		do do	"	81			4	86
6	Six	Doz	Knives	"	4 21 1/2			25	29
6	Six	"	Forks	"	4 21 1/2			25	29
42	Forty two		Hats	"	6 25			26	250
146	One Hundred & forty six	Prs	Shoes	"	7 75			1 13	150
1000.000	One Hundred Thousand		Needles	"	6 40			6	90 00
2917 3/4	Two thousand Nine hundred & seventeen & three quarters	yds	Shirting	"	83			242	123
4625 1/2	Four thousand Six hundred & Twenty Six & one half	yds	Domestic	"	1 57	6.888 (20)		6	830
567 1/4	Five Hundred & sixty seven & one quarter	yds	Cellinade	"	1 911	1077 (17)		10	77 11
28	Twenty Eight	Yds	Sheeting	"	4 113			1	124
240 1/2	Two hundred & forty & one half	"	Mosq Netting	"	38				949
107 9/12	One Hundred & Seven & Nine twelfths	doz	Spool Cotton	"	4 61			4	90 72
56	Fifty Six	pounds	Flax Thread	"	5 25			29	450
19 11/12	Nineteen & Ten twelfths	Doz pr	Socks	"	11 45			32	626
150	One Hundred & fifty	Pieces	Shirts	"	3 11			466	50
59 1/2	Fifty Nine & one half	Yds	Muslin Delaine	"	2 58	153 M.		15	301
53 1/4	Fifty two & one quarter	"	Sheeting	"	1.43				94 12
14 1/2	Fourteen & one half	"	Canvass	"	2 30			3	335
12	Twelve		Silk Handks	"	34				408
24	Twenty four		Lead Pencils	"	21				504
72	Seventy two	Small	Bolts D.N	"	32			23	04
22	Twenty two		Knives	"	3 00				66 00
1	One	Ream	Letter Paper	"	11 50				1150
								15638	71
								15688	71

I certify that the above is a correct list of Stores brought into the lines by Mr J. L. Petit & which were transferred to me by Maj. R.W. Sanders Chf Q.M. D.W.La. on the 7th day of August 1864

Alexandria La
1 Dec 1864

Thos L Airey
Capt & A.Q.M.

Paris July 2 1818

A Peterson

Desires to know upon
what terms he can export
Corks & import Anchors
for Government
Asks if Conscripts or Negroes
can be detailed for purposes

Rec'd C. O. July 8/18
Answ'd " 16. "

Doris Texas Feb 1st 1864

Col. Hutchins
Chief of Cotton Bureau
Houston Texas

Sir:-

I am desirous of entering into an arrangement with the Govt to transport 2 or 3 bales of Cotton more or less upon such terms as may be agreeable, and wish to know of the Govt protection that may be necessary in forwarding me in what I might undertake; provided however it could be done on mutual terms. Also can know the privilege of entering in such stipulations as that Govt may require - it meaning the Govt on their part, and in accordance with such contract as may be entered into

Let me know the different conditions upon which contracts are made by your bureau so that I may be able to arrive at a conclusion as to the most practicable. I understand you are granting permits to persons who will let the Govt have one half of the cotton at a point designated at the market value the other half to be exclusively under the control of the person exporting to be free from any tribute whatever on the part of the Govt. In granting permits please state what privileges are allowed in regard to conveyance and whether they can be detained, and also if wagons can be drawn from the Cotton bureau if Govt protection is given

Entered

Very Respt
R Peterson

Paris 7[illegible] 64

A Pedroso

Has on hand nearly
the 200 Bales. Wants
Exemption &c

Rec'd Co March 3/64

Paris, Feb 24th 1864

Sir: Yours of the 16th inst
came to hand on Monday.
I am content with the
terms indicated.

At present, I have on hand
nearly the amt of cotton & proten
7,(about bales) together with the
wagons & teams. Also negotiations
in progress for more of the latter.

You will please forward me
whatever papers are requisite to
insure my acquisition by govern-
ment officials. Very Respt
R. Peterson

Stateshouse Thursday 18th June 1864

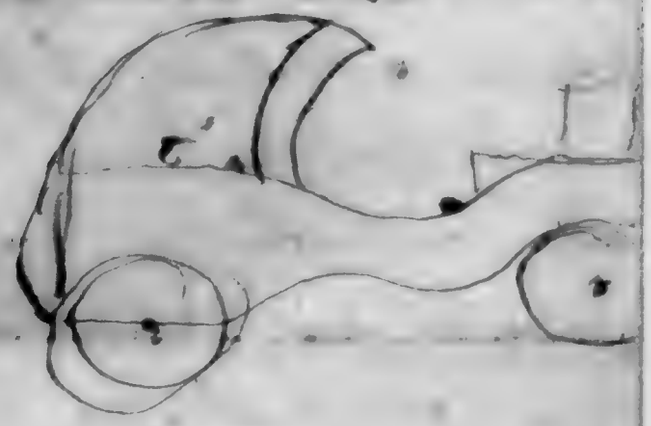
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A. H. Pierson

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Inquiring about the certificates received in payment of Shares

Cotton



Salutations 19th June 1864

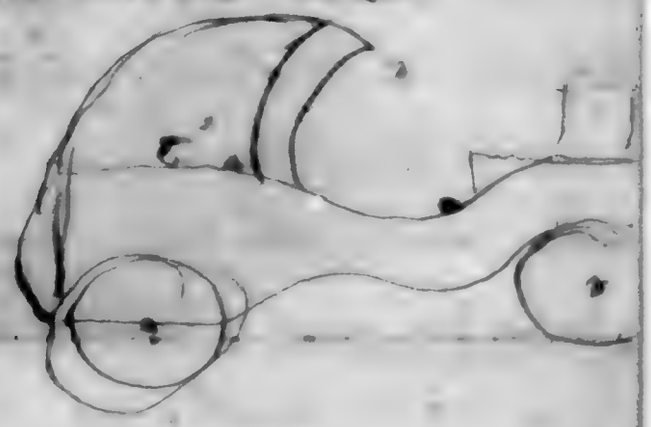
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A. H. Pierson

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Inquiring about the certificates received in payment of Shares

Cotton



Natchitoches. June 10. '64

W. A. Broadwell Esqr
Chief of Cotton Bureau } Dear Sir.

Please inform me what is to be done with cotton certificates given 1st June 1863 for the purchase of cotton from individuals by the government. These certificates call, on their face, for coupon bonds bearing 7 per cent interest. I am under the impression that I have seen, in a Shreveport paper, a notice that these certificates would be paid in Confed notes. Inform me whether bonds with 7 per cent, as stipulated, will be given or not, as I do not want the notes unless compelled to take them. Your early reply will oblige me.

Yours Respectfy
A. H. Pearson
"

M. S. Pike 1521 v

Baton Rouge Feby 26th 1864

Joseph Weinard Esq

Dear Sir

Should yourself and
your Parish determine to purchase cotton as
proposed, making payment therefor in United
States Treasury notes, I pledge myself to fur-
nish to the parties from whom you may
purchase, my bills on London, or Liverpool,
in exchange for the U.S. Treasury notes, at
the current rate for Sterling in New Orleans
on the day of purchase and delivery of the
cotton to you

Yours truly
W S Pike

A true copy
W. A. Brindell
Lt Col

Henderson Ark Sept 20 1865

John Phillips

1228

Reporting location of his
Cotton in Arkansas

File

Letter P.
Initial 1510

5,

Henderson, Rusk Co
Texas. March 20th 1865

Colonel:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 15th instant: the Cotton referred to in my letter of the 11th inst is mostly in the eastern portion of Bradley, & the South Eastern portion of Drew Co, Ark's, near the Saline River. Mr Elijah Mauley of Warren, Bradley Co Arkansas is my Agent.

This is a portion of the country which I can see no probability of being permanently occupied by the enemy, and I do think it unnecessary that this cotton should be burned — in fact I have always considered it safer than cotton near Shreveport.

When there is a reasonable probability of its being taken by the enemy, I have no objection to its being burned, but I do think it a hard case, that the little remnant of any property is to be destroyed, without benefit to any one & without injury to the enemy.

I have the honor, to be Colonel
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
S Lee Phelps

Lt Col W. A. Broadwell
Chief Cotton Bureau
Shreveport
La

Henderson Mch't. 1865

1523

Johnathan Phelps

1168

Duties Lif of Petroleum returned

File

Henderson March 1865

Colonel:

Do me the favor of sending the Life of Louis Napoleon, by one of the Wagon Masters — it belongs to a friend who is a reading man, and values his books highly

Very Respectfully

Lieut W. F. Broadwell
Shreveport
La

John Sheets

Henderson 16th May 1864

521

Jno - Phelps -

243.

Dispatch asking if he can load a train with Cotton for Sanitary

ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH CO.

Received at Shreveport May 16 1864

By Telegraph from Henderson, May 16 1864

To Lt Col H A Broadwell

Can I load a train here with cotton for San Antonio

John Rice

11 pm 54

22 Aug 63 1st Div 8th
A. J. Pleks 23

82

Asks to be sent to Europe
as Govt agent purchasing
supplies.

Head Qrs 1st Brig 2nd Div
Vicksburg Miss
Aug 29th 1863

Respectfully referred to Chief
Engineer

By command
Lt Genl Smith
W. R. Boggs
Brig Genl & Chief
Staff

Brig.r Genl Boggs

Houston Tex.s Aug 22.nd 1863

Chief of Staff &c
of Lt Genl
E Kirby Smith

Sir

As my health is somewhat recuperated. And being at all times desirous of serving my Country and at same time making something for myself.

I take the liberty of addressing you a few lines on a subject of interest to our common Cause. If it strikes you favorably an early answer will be thankfully rec.d

As I have an extensive Acquaintance in Matamoras Brownsville. Havana. & Europe which would enable me to carry out promptly any obligation I would make.

I propose to deliver on the Rio Grand or any Mexican port. any quantity of Liquid Fruits Sugar Coffee, Munitions of War, the Department may require. At an advance of 75 per cent over and above foreign Invoices

the Government stamping customary
rate of freight.

In exchange I will take
Cotton at Specie prices both for goods
and freight. Goods to be delivered in
quantities and quality to suit the depart-
ments. and Cotton to be delivered in
like manner. The Government shall
be at no risk by Capture or difficulties
of navigation or any way liable until
delivery. beyond the obligation to
receive the goods at the proposed
ports basing any contingency. and
delivering Cotton in payment of same
promptly. with instructions to agents
to afford me every facility for carrying
out the entire business.

I expect hearing
but positive orders and assurances
from the Department before I will at-
once put the lines in motion.

You know
something of my business capacity. and habi
ts. by experience since your sojourn
in our State. I take pleasure in
referring you to the Citizens of my City. New
Orleans. State. Louisiana. and particularly
Governor Thos. O Moore.

My health is such that I am incapacitated for any other than business of this nature. I have always been engaged in Mercantile pursuits, and have the assurance of foreign Capitalists who will be interested with me. that all the articles required by the Apartments will be furnished promptly. I have a house in Liverpool and one in Havana that will cooperate with me. All they require is positive assurance that there will be no delay in the delivering the Cotton. And on receiving of goods.

I wrote my house in Shreveport some weeks since and told them to call on you and say I owed not paid them the Cloth sent for by me and that I was much pushed by them in Shreveport. Namely from 5 to 6 M per pair

If I can serve you or your friends any way please command me. And should I receive the orders above referred to I will get any thing you require in Havana or send without any delay. Cost beyond invoice

Very Truly Yours &c &c

Hon. J. Phelps

A Sessions
Pro tem

22 Aug 63
A. L. Peck

82

Asks to be sent
as Govt agt
Supplies.

Helen
Sen

Refers to
Brickell
Byrne

Audition Sept 11, 1956
3-26

John Phelps

1193

Asking advice in regard to
Cotton around in Arkansas

Draft Office
Anderson Mch 11/65

Respy forwarded to
Col Broadwell with
request that He do all
in His Power to Put the
riches of Mr Phelps, ex
pected within. I know
the facts Stated by him
to be true, He has given
His undivided attention to
the Service Since the begin
ing of the war, and I deem
what He asks for

W. P. Lamb
Capt & A.G.M.

Henderson. Tex. March 11. 1865

Colonel:

I very respectfully submit the following statement, in relation to my personal affairs, feeling assured that if it is in your power, you will render me some assistance.

In March 1862 Phelps & Jones shipped from New Orleans to various points on the Ouachitta, White & Red Rivers, Sugar & Molasses, valued, at that time at $40.000. These shipments were exchanged during the spring & summer of 1862. for Cotton: and from these shipments we realized the following lots of Cotton:

at Des Arc on White River	200
Philadelphia on Ouachitta River	125
Camden " "	75
in Bradley & Drew Counties, Ark's,	400
near Shreveport Red River	200
near Jeffersonn " "	750
Total No of Bales	1796

Of these lots we have lost, that at Des arc burnt by Military Authority 200
Philadelphia from the same cause 125
Camden " " " 75
Jeffersonn by accidental fire 484
Shreveport by want of shelter cane 123
Total number of Bales lost 1007

In November last, I wrote our Agent in Natchez, directing him to see the Cotton in that State: in answer, under date of Feb 18th, he says— "I have tried time and again to see, or rather to obtain a permit to see, and have as often failed. I saw Col Pond, Cotton Agent a few days since, and was informed by him that I could or did myself of the Select arrangement that is to give the Govt one half of the Cotton, and he would give a permit to see the remainder at 20 cts, my paying transportation &c: but right on the back of this, and before I had any time to think, an order was issued to burn all the Cotton East of the Ouachitta River. I immediately went to the Authorities and procured an order to move all that I had charge of to the other side of the river"

He further writes that it is utterly impossible to obtain transportation to move it: nor is it desirable as I think it safer where it is, if not burned by our forces.

After troubling your patience with this long letter, I beg respectfully ask if you can point out some way by which I can save this Cotton. I prefer selling, if I can obtain the permit: if not, I think I prefer that it should remain where it is, if I could have an exemption against its being burned by our forces

You will observe, from the foregoing statement, that I have had 400 Bales burned by Military Authority, saving nothing of 100 Bales lost from other causes

the loss of this Cotton will leave me without a dollar, and heavily involved in debts from which I had hoped to relieve myself with the proceeds of this Cotton. I have given all my time since March 1861 to the country's service, to the total neglect of my private affairs, and it does seem hard, after meeting with the heavy losses I have done, that I am billely to know what remains

to do not understand the arrangements with regard to Cotton in Atlanta. but I trust you can point out some way in which I can save this cotton, or realize its value where it is.

Asking that you give this matter a favourable consideration, I have the honor to be Colonel, very respectfully

Your obt servant

John Phelps

Lt Col W A Broadwell
Chief Cotton Bureau
Shreveport
La

Columbus Texas July 19th 1865

Edwd. Phillips.

1165

Enclosing copy of appointment and oath from Confirmation.

3/527

Edwd Phillips

Late Maj & C.S.

Columbus Texas

Feb 19. 1866

Asking to have appointment Confirmed, or to be reappointed, to rank from 28 October 1862. the date of his appointment,

Offering to give bond.

Transmitting copy of Appointment &c.

Columbus Miss Oct 19 1865

Lt Col W A Broadnax

Shreveport

Colonel

Nearly four months have now elapsed since I went to Richmond when the subject of Confirmation of my Appointment and I have not yet received any reply. I have thought Conducive to go to Richmond personally I can obtain from Genl Smith an order for that purpose. While I was in Shreveport last, Major Thomas my Kindly offered to procure such an order for me, but at that time I did not think it would be necessary for me to go. I have now written to him asking him to obtain orders for me to go. if possible, without delay.

My present position is very disagreeable and unsatisfactory. Not being Entitled a

tendered as a Commissioned Officer. it is impossible for me to discharge properly the duties incumbent on me in the position which I occupy, to wit Chief Commissary and acting Chief Quarter Master in the Dept of Beaufort Brayton, Comdg Central Dist. West.

Having been doing duty for nearly two years and a half under the appointment which I hold from the President, and thereby acquired a great amount of Commissary business in this State. I think justice to myself, and the interest of the Service requires that my Appointment should be Confirmed. If that cannot be done. I think I ought to be reappointed to the same position, to rank from the date of my old Commission to wit the 28th of October 1862 having been Constantly on duty under that Appointment Ever since that time. I am willing and able to give a new bond in any amount that may be required.

Remembering your Kind offer of assistance when I saw you last. I write you this

and also send you Enclosed Copies of my
Appointment, the Approval of my Bond and
the notice of your Confirmation. And respectfully
request that you will return the same to
the Commissary General and me from
whom I have received them when you
go to Richmond.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Edw Phillips
Late Majr & C.S.

Confederate States of America
War Department Richmond Jany. 19. 1863

Sir

Your Original bond as Brigade Commissary has been received at this Department and is approved as to this date

(Signed) R. H. Kean
Chief of Bureau of War

Major Edward Phillips
Brigade Commissary

Confederate States of America
War Department Adjutant & Inspector Genls
Office Richmond Va July 1st 1864

Sir

You are informed that your appointment as Major Subsistence Dept. in the P.A.C.S. not having been confirmed by the Senate at its last session you cease to be an officer in the P.A.C.S. from the 14th day of June last.

By Command of the
Secretary of War
Ed. A. Palfrey
Lieut Col & A.A.G.

Major E. Phillips
late Commissary Genl.

Confederate States of America
War Department Richmond Octo 28. 1862

Sir,

You are hereby informed that the President has appointed you Brigade Commissary, Major, in the Provisional Army in the service of the Confederate States; to rank as such from the 28th day of October One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty two. Should the Senate at their next Session, advise and Consent thereto, you will be Commissioned Accordingly.

Immediately on receipt hereof, you will communicate to this department through the Adjutant and Inspector Generals Office your acceptance or non acceptance of said appointment; and with your Letter of acceptance, return to the Adjutant and Inspector General the oath herewith Enclosed, properly filled up, Subscribed and Attested, reporting at the same time your age, residence when appointed and the State in which you were born.

Should you accept you will report for duty to Major General R. Taylor

(Signed) Geo W Randolph
Secretary of War

Major Edward Phillips,
Brigade Commissary P.A.C.S.

Alexandria 10th Aug 1864

J. S. 8

Edw. Phillips Maj & C.S.

Copy of letter to Maj J. P. Brownell in regard to a shipment of salt—

Hd Qrs Cotton Bureau
Shreveport La 29th Feb 1864

Resply. referred to Maj Tevis
Postmaster Shreveport La

(C.B.S.)

W. A. Brownell
Lt Col

Copy

Office Chf. of Subsistence
Alexandria Aug. 14/63

Maj. J. P. Brownell
Govt. Agt. at Salt Mines
New Iberia

Major:

Yours of the 5 inst. with invoices & Rects. for 204 Bbls & 45 Half Barrels of Salt is Recd. I return to you endorsed the Rects. Signed by me. In regard to the Salt Shipped by other Boats at Butte à la Rose, least of it was consid to Shreveport and Recd. by Maj. R. M. Tevis C.S. The Cargo of the Estonia was all sent & Recd. Your Boat started for Shreveport this morning and will enquire what became of the Salt, and who is to Recd. for it.

x x x

Very Respectfully
(Signed) Edwd. Pleasants
Maj & C.S.

Office Dept Commissary
1528 Shreveport La
March 12th 64

Statement of Amount of
R. S. Salt received this
explanation.

100 - Bbls.
42 Half Bbls.

Statement of Amount of N. I. Salt received by me at Shreveport La, in 1863.

Date.	From whom received.	Barrels.	Half Barrels.	Sacks. (Bushels)	
April	Capt W. J. D. Baker	480.	"	"	"Invoiced
	Maj Edw Phillips	619	"	"	Certified Invoice
	" "	511	13	"	"
	" "	88	34	"	"
	Unknown Officer	82	4/200 "	"	"
March	Capt J. W. Thomas	151	"	"	Invoiced
August	Maj Edw Phillips	"	"	172¼	"
	Total ...	1931	47	172¼	

I have transferred to Capt. Claiborne A. C. S.
Jefferson Texas ——— 1872 Barrels.
Sold —.—.—.—.—.—. 5 "
Total .—. 1877 "
Leaving on hand here 54 Barrels & 172¼ Bushels.

Lt. Col. W. A Borradwell:

Col:

The above comprises a statement of all the N. I. Salt received by me at this place. The Salt alledged to have been received from Maj Phillips amounting to 1120 barrels & 101 half barrels was received by me about the time of the evacuation of Alexandria and I supposed was sent by him and I so entered it on my accounts and made my returns accordingly making certified invoices of the same as having been received from Maj Phillips. At the time of making the Certified invoices I was of the impression that I sent Receipts to him for the Salt and requested invoices to be substituted instead of the Certified ones made by me. I may have overlooked it as he is

positive as to never having received them.
I found in making my returns 82 barrels of Salt
for which I had no account of and charged
it as being received from some Officer unknown:
for which a receipt is also due. I have receipted
to no one not being apprised from whom the salt
came. I have received the above quantity of
Salt and will receipt to Maj Phillips or Maj.
Broadwell upon Corresponding invoices being
furnished to supply the place of the certified
invoices made by me in favor of Maj.
Phillips

I am, Col. Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
B B Lewis
Brigr Genl

1529

August 1863

Major C. Phillips

Alexandria

Correspondence in

Relation to Sale Sugar

to Mr S. Lorrad

(Copy)

Rocky River Landing August the 10th 1863

Major E. Phillips

Dear Sir

I arrived at home on wednesday last, where I had to remain some days with the fever which I contracted on the road (riding in the sun I suppose), as soon as I have been able to travel, I went to see about the Sugar which I found many hogsheads of it badly empty and the remainder wanting filling, the parties who have possession of it informed me, that they wish to have the Sugar removed as soon as practicable, one of them say by the first of September, the other at once, you are well aware that three hundred Hhds. of Sugar cannot be moved in a few days to the Mississippi a distance of over twenty miles especially where waggons are so extremely scarce; therefore seeing all this obstacles I have considered it to have nothing further to do with it, I should have been more prompt in advising some of these facts, but for my delay but I hope it will be the lower by my delay.

Yours Respectfully

(Signed) J. Jones

P. S. I believe the persons who sold the Sugar Messrs Pringle & Hopkins, would buy the Sugar

J. J.

Office Chief of Subsistence
Alexandria Aug 14th 61

Col. W. A. Broadwell
Shreveport

Colonel:

Capt. Hine of the Steamer has called on me to day to buy the Sugar & molasses in Point Coupee. As he leaves this Evening for Shreveport I respectfully refer the matter to you, by direction of the adjt. General, to whom as you will see by the Enclosed Communication, I applied for Instructions. I do not think Mr. Torras could be held to the contract, nor do I think it advisable under the circumstances, as it would cause much trouble & Besides his proposition only relates to the Sugar & not to the molasses. Whether Hopkins & Pringle would take it I do not know. If Capt. Hine buys it or any one else, a reasonable time should be guaranteed to enable them to Remove it. Otherwise it Enables the Owners of the Sugar houses to prevent the Sale to any one but themselves—

Very Respectfully
Edwd. Philips
Maj 1st Ch. C.S.
Dist. West. La.
Jno. T. Armstrong

1529

Letter Maj Phillips
Chief Com Sub

Relative to Sugar
Molasses the property
of Govt, on the plan
tations of Pringle, Hopkin
+others

Hd Qrs Dist Western La
Alexandria Aug 13th 1863

The order authorizing Lt
Col Broadwell to sell the
Sugar &c was issued on
the representation of Col
Broadwell and was not
intended to be obligatory.
Under existing circumstan
ces Maj Phillips will re-
fer this matter to Col Broad
well and be governed by
his instructions.

By command of
Maj Genl Taylor
[illegible]
A.A.G.

Asst A.A.G. Dist W. La
Aug 12th 1863

Office Ch. of Subsistence
Chattanooga Aug. 12th 1863

Maj. E. Sprigg
A. A. Genl.

Major

Col. W. G. Brownlow

Will prior to leaving for Shreveport Louisiana on leave to sell four Sugars & molasses belonging to Govt. Have sold Sugar & molasses to P. Pring & Agent in Point Coupee. We all. informed me that he had sold the Sugar to Mr. Torris, & handed me the Contract which is Enclosed herewith. I have just Recd. notice of Mr. Torris that he declines taking it. See copy of his letter Enclosed.

I respectfully request instructions What disposition to make of this Sugar and molasses Whether to sell it to other parties and if So at what price.

So much of the Sugar & molasses has been Cost that if sold at the same price at which it was bought Govt. will lose a considerable amount. If purchasers are compelled to remove it so soon, it will probably prevent all Except the owners of Sugar houses in which it is now stored from buying it.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt

Copy

Ruby River Landing August 10th 1863

Major E. Phillips

Dear Sir

I arrived at home on wednesday last, where I had to remain nine days with the fever, which I contracted on the road (visiting in the town I suppose) as soon as I have been able to travel, I went to see about the Sugar, which I found many hogsheads of it half empty and the remainder wanting filling; the parties who have possession of it informed me, that they wish to have the sugar removed, as soon as practicable one of them said by the first of September & the other at once. You are well aware that three hundred Wht. of Sugar cannot be moved in a few days to the Atchafalaya a distance of over twenty miles especially where waggons are so extremely scarce; therefore seeing all these obstacles I have concluded to have nothing further to do with it. I should have been more prompt in advising you of these facts, but for my illness, but I hope no one will be the loser by my delay.

Yours Respectfully
(Signed) J Farrar.

P. S. I believe the persons who sold the sold the Sugar Mssrs. Prengle & Hopkins would buy the Sugar J. F.

Office Chief Q Mr Washington
Alexandria Aug. 13. 1863

Col W. A. Bradwell
Shreveport

Colonel

I am in receipt of a letter just received from Mr Jones who you will remember as acting as Agent for the Owners of the Cotton which was sent from Jefferson Texas to the Coast. I do not think there will be any difficulty in obtaining of the Cotton some Mr Jones will send him in a few days by Express.

I have just received a letter from Mr Miller. He left Jefferson on the 5th for Houston. so that he will probably remain for a week or two. perhaps longer.

From there he goes to Matamoras where he expects to meet Mr Partridge and upon the return of J. H. Partridge & Co. for Commission and forwarding business.

As Government will be shipping large quantities of Cotton and receiving large supplies through that Port. I would respectfully suggest the appointment of

the Name of J. N. Bontridge Esq as Agent of the Government for the receiving and forwarding of Cotton and Govt. Supplies, and the transaction of Government business generally as there below. The high standing of the Name and the known ability and integrity of its members will fully warrant entrusting them with any amount of pecuniary

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Wm J Smith
Maj & C.S.

U. S. Gun Boat Pawnee
Alexandria Aug. 11. 1863

Col. H. A. Broadwell
Provost Marshal

Colonel

I find on Examining my books that the Cargo of the Elmira. 264 Bbls and 45 half Bbls of Salt. was all received by me. I have stamped Dispatches and returned them to My: Broadwell.

The Salt taken from Bark & Ten by other Boats. I know nothing of. Except that I find a Memorandum in my book that the Pawnee arrived here on the 26 April with 511 Barrels of Salt. which was received by My Onyett.

I also recollect that the Minnie Bryant up with a Load of Salt to Alexandria.

I think I gave the Acting Master, to proceed to Aquia Creek with a Load of Salt. and to - bring other Boats. also. Major Ives or

Capt Bartlett will doubtless be able to give you full information in regard to it. and will receive to your benefit for it.

All that I can say is the Cargo of the Elmira

Very Respectfully
Edw Phelps
Maj & C.S.

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Major Phillips

Alexandria

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Camp Connected with
Steam I R Relf—

Office Chief of Construction
Washington Dec 12 1863

Lt Col N A Brannan
Chief Q Mr Bureau

Colonel

The Enclosed Account referred to you by Maj Sanford, with his other papers relative, is herewith sent by Capt Pulsifer & sent to you.

The papers state for Thompson. The Account I believe is correct and the only question is who is to pay it

The letter of the Secy of War and Comp Genl refer Exclusively to transportation &c impressed, which they state is to be paid for by the last Quarter Master. The case of "M Ruff" was not impressed, but voluntarily hired by Maj Hazard. As for Contract Enlistments. Is this case to be paid out of Subsistence funds?

The Auditor of Major Hazards Accounts sent me $15.000 of Subsistence funds.

If you wish me to pay the Account, please certify to it and return an order to that effect, as I would not feel authorized to do so without.

I also send for Endorsement an Account of Capt Dewey the certificate to which is signed by Maj Lawson but is to be also signed by you

Please sign and return it to me at your Earliest Convenience

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt
Maj & C.S.

Alexandria 24th Feb 1864

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Edw. Phillips. Maj & C.S.

"In regard to shipments of salts and receipts therefrom—

Hd Qrs Cotton Bureau
Shreveport 19th Feb 1864.

Respy. refered to Maj Tevis
Post Commissary Shreveport La

Ed
73.) W. H. Brandwell
Lt Col

Office Asst Commissary
Marshall Texas March 1st 1864
Respectfully Returned
with the accompanying
Statement as explained

R. M. Tevis
Major CS

Rec'd. 29th Feb 1864. [illegible]

Office Chief of Subsistence
Alexandria Feby 24/64

Lt. Col. W. A. Broadwell
Shreveport

Colonel:

Yours of the 19th
is Recd. With enclosures. With regard to the Salt, I
am surprised that Maj. Tevis should state that he
had receipted to me for 1866 Bbls. "Except 88 Bbls. Which
have never yet been received to him." In May last
When about leaving this place, I shipped to him
the Salt Which I then had on hand in Warehouse,
for Which I have his Rects. and in August I
shipped to him 11.500 pounds (of 12.000 for Which
I have Receipted to Maj. J. C. Broadwell) for Which
I have also Maj. Tevis' Rects. This is all the
Salt I have ever Shipped to him, or for Which
I have his Rects. The therefore should Receipt to
Maj. Broadwell for the 1866 Bbls. Which he
acknowledges to have Recd. I wrote to your Brother
upon the Subject on the 10th of August last,
a copy of Which I send you enclosed. On the 20th
of April the Fulton was ordered by the Adjt
Genl. to proceed to Shreveport with the Load of
Salt (511 Bbls.) Which She had on Board. She
on the 21st the Anna Dunn arrived With a

Load, I donot Know how much, and was also ordered
to proceed immediately on to Shreveport. These were
all that I Know of. Although Several other Boats
passed us loaded with Salt of Which I Know Nothing, my Some of Which has ever been Receipted for to me.
A large quantity of N. Iberia Salt must have gone up
as they have plenty of it for use at the Factory, and
all that I have ever Shipped or Remitted Rec'd. for, are
the two Shipments above Mentioned. Enclosed I am
of What I had on hand When We evacuated
this place and the others in Charge. Respectfully
Must therefore be Held due for it, at either Shreveport or Jeffersonn. Hoping this Explanation
May enable you to arrange the Matter Satisfactorily
I remain Very Respectfully
Your Ob't Servt
May 1 C.T.

Alex 26th July 1863

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Endg Returning Stores

to

Capt Packard

Instructions &c

Copy

Office Chief of Subsistence
Alexandria Dec 26 1863

Capt C. A. Packard A. C. S.
Fort Ploria

Captain

You three letters of the 23d & 24th are Rec'd.

You can pay for transportation of Salt to this place (& one) and for barrels and for that purpose

But You cannot pay for the Salt as You have no funds for that purpose.

Nor can You pay any bills Except for Expenses incurred in transporting Salt from the mine to this place.

In all the bills You pay You will leave the name of the Officer who pays & Vouch the receipts.

You of course will keep an account of the Salt You send to me so that I may pay Sidney Gray for it

You will have nothing to do with any Salt that is not of one Either in receiving for it or paying Expenses upon it. And I do not wish You to pay over the money which I gave you for any purpose whatever. Except for the objects above mentioned. viz. Expenses of transportation of Salt to this place and for barrels, used for that purpose. These instructions You will be

Capt A Follan Starkey

If you find you cannot do anything in the Case of getting Salt to this State, you will detain your money until further orders from me.

And in the mean time assist Capt Lyon.

Please show this letter to Capt Lyon

Yours Truly

Very Respectfully
E Ann Phillips
Major U.S.

1533

Ala. 20th July 1863

Edw. Phillips

Maj & A.A.

Respecting Contrabands.

Envelope.

Office Chief of Subsistence
Alexandria Feb 21 1863

Col W. A. Bradman
Shreveport

Colonel

Yours of the 12th inst.
is received.

I would have sent a Commissary Store for Commands East of the Miss. River with Letters of Credit as you desired, but I am out of funds and have been so for some time.

Capt St Leon was sent to Richmond a month or more ago to obtain funds for the Commissary, & Mr & Pay Depts. But it is uncertain when he will be back. Until the time I could depend I have already sent to Port Hudson by order of Gen Taylor. As they cannot be sent to Vicksburg.

Mr Rose the Agent has lately been here and wrote me to send him what I could spare. I would be very glad for you for the reasons stated, but it is my duty to obey orders from Gen Taylor (and I would do it any cheerfully) to use every effort to supply Vicksburg and Port Hudson with provisions. But in order that I may do so. Funds must be placed in my

thanks for their kindness. I would therefore suggest that you write to Maj' Dawson to send me funds as I have not one to send for them, and I will appro- priate the money exclusively to the object for which it is sent.

Major Sanger has referred to me your letter of the 10th inst. and has also handed me a communication addressed to you from Maj' Tims of the 10th inst. both by you referred to me.

I wrote to Mess. Abbott & Co on the 19 Dec to have at what price they would pack for us a large quantity of Buffalo or Deer, & received an answer dated Dec 25th proposing to pack 500 lbs Buffalo hams at 4 3 cts or Saddles part at 4 6 cts and requiring a cash advance of $ 50.00.

This price was at that time entirely too high & the kind was consequently rejected. I do not believe they will furnish Venison or pack it so that it can be shipped in Red River without its costing 10 or 12½ cts more than it can be bought for here. If it was not the last of the season I would have sent Keys and Davis hither. I called there particularly the last month & keys which have just been landed from the Steamer Trent. Rivaldo & Pauline, which boat has no charge. Three Corps have no consignment of anything else & proceed to Fort Hudson this afternoon.

In regard to the matter referred to

your by Maj. Lewis I can only say. I must refer Mr Gruning to answer to a letter from him, that I wrote for $5 cts for Lewis and $5 cts for Clark post. I think as there is no use for it I ought to have that I would be willing to purchase a large quantity at that price. For myself to the Ochards of Spirits from the Missi. I have never been more hard of any. I am compelled to have meat, and I procure it at the lowest possible price. And have made to get it for less than the above figures for small Parcel and it is now very difficult to get it at that price.

The greatest difficulty - I have to encounter is the Competition of persons acting as agents & purchasing for Companies on the east side of the river. none of whom with the Exception of Major Stockton have reported to me nor do I know who they are until I learn they have bought articles as Bries above what I had offered & would have bought them at but I not been entitled, I do not know what meat is selling for at Steubenville. But if it can be had there lower than at this place after adding transportation. I should be glad to know it.

It is important that there should be an understanding between all persons purchasing for Govt in this District, as to the price to be paid. And I think there should

[illegible] to our difficulty in keeping the Mine as a
reasonable figure.

I have received from the Hon Eleanor
a quantity of Indian & medicinal herbs for
Exhibition which is due Edmund & the others
as I cannot find any Box to Show it.
The Blackfeet is also here with a Pack
waiting to Return

I Shall be happy to do [illegible] any thing
[illegible] any thing in my power

[illegible]

Edwd Phillips
Maj & Chief C.S.
Dept Mex Ln

Camden Ark. 1865

J. W. Nock

1043

Enclosing letter to Missouri Delegation in Congress - Asks action in his behalf

Yours truly and cordially.

Ans

Camden Feb 1. 65

Colonel.

I suppose to day relieves you from duty as chief of the Cotton Bureau. I congratulate you. The position was one where the greatest results could have been accomplished had you been permitted to utilize the Cotton of this Department according to your plan. I do not mean to say you have not under the circumstances done much, but with harmonious support, the department might have been well supplied and a large surplus in money been created.

Masters took Dynally here, & into Capt Black yesterday, in compliance with his request giving him a short history of affairs in my district, which I enclosed to Gen Boggs for the information of the General, & requested the Captain to forward it to you, if

still a clerk. I would be glad if you could read it.

You have kindly offered to do anything you could for my benefit. please read the enclosed letter, to the Missouri delegation in Congress, and if you can in justice to yourself and with a clear conscience say anything to promote my wishes. I will be under renewed obligations.

I am truly Your friend
J. W. Polk.

Wm. M. A Broadwell
Shreveport.

Monticello 19th Decr 1814

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Capt J. W. Polk

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Asking an order to
instruct him in his
operations near the Lines
of the Enemy.

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Cotton office
Montevallo Dec 10. 1864

Lt Col W A Bradwell
Chief Cotton Bureau
Genl

Unless I am supported by stringent orders, I will not be able to succeed in collecting the cotton of this County.

Will you please request the General to issue in his own name an order, saying that,

"Capt Dr Bell Cotton Agent is authorized to impress as far as the wants of the Govt require all cotton not delivered under the Rebel management. And ~~that~~ all cotton not disposed of immediately that cannot be removed West of the Alabama river will be destroyed"

Yours

Thus will bring them into measures without delay.

Very Respectfully
Dr Bell Cotton Agent

"Copy."

Glasier Landing
Dec. 7th 1865

Hereafter no cotton will be permitted to pass the Bayou Macon until it is bought & paid for, or other satisfactory arrangements made by the purchasers with the owners.

Lyd. L. McPall Capt. & Agent
Colony in Cotton Bureau.

The enclosed order is sent to Mr Cooper as well for his information. The merchants at this time had formed a monopoly, to put down the price of cotton, this order was to fix it at its true price. Many people entered

Decr 1833.

Camden Jany 5th 1865

Capt D. W. Folk A.A.G.

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Is awaiting the decision of the Govt in the Parkman case - Unless the citizens can dispose of their Cotton the Peace arrangements will fail Cannot transport the cotton to the Miss River, can to the Ouachita with a down Govt and without this change the Parkman contract will fail - Wish Genl Smith's decision on the exemptions of certain cotton - Has no instructions to guide his action

file

Camden Jan 5 1865

Col

I have delayed here waiting the decision and action of the General in Parkmans case.

It is expected by the Citizens when I return that some change will be made for the disposition of their Cotton. This fact should be born in mind that unless the Citizens can dispose of their Cotton no subscription will be made under the Beloit arrangement.

With the present means at my Command I cannot transport half the Govt Cotton to the Miss River. If the Arkansas river is adapted it can be handled. provided a small boat is furnished me. Without this change the Parkman Contract will be a failure.

Will you please submit to the General for his decision the following question, his reply will determine & control my action in the premises. It is important & should be decided.

"Are the permitted Cotton of parties who have subscribed under the Beloit Contract exempt from Confiscation

Molestation

by the Govt authority.

Responsibilities have been placed on me and yet I have had no attention paid to my frequent letters asking for the approval or disapproval of my acts. When I deemed the interests of the Govt required a departure from the Belen arrangement, Neither has any response been made to my request for special orders to assist me. I am at a loss to know how to proceed further,

Very Resp Respectfully
W Polk Capt & AQM
acting Ja Cotton Bureau

Brig Genl W. A. Broadwell
Ch Cotton Bureau

P.S. Just [illegible] news our last
[illegible] informs me of Pardons
[illegible] granted [illegible]

Monticello January 19th 1865

D. W. Polk

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Enclosing letter from
Dolores Lee - making
suggestions in regard to cotton
operations

Filed

Monticello. Aug 9. 16

Dear Sir

You have of yr visit was received on my arrival last night, & I participate your gratification & regret that it falls at my duty to call on you so often for instructions, & have much to say to you on this Indian question, which I will defer until I have the pleasure of seeing you.

Parkinson advises me by letter of yesterday that he is at Gaines landing with his family, & shall go down to day & see him. As the uncertainty of meeting the Jury for the Gen. Court, I have arranged to start Kingsbury & A Jack on Sunday to find out all about the character of the papers.

I have been for several days revolving in my mind some different plans, which may be more deliberately but when I sifted them & reduced them to all my ideas I only

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
the [illegible].

Frank McDonald the Lumber
Fleteau steamboat has made [illegible]
for him under his contract. She
will carry 2500 Bales. And between
this he can make his permit
which he has a right to do. The Boat
is of little value to us or him, the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] will be lost
in the Rebuilds. The next one
you may consider a dream. Buy the
Load the Steamer with 2500 Bales
Cotton. & let me run her out in the
Gulf you take the Cotton & meet
York out & take the proceeds in
Goods sent to Europe. buy Army
Supplies. Charter a vessel & bring
the Cargo to Rio Grande. Should
Supplies in Requisition for service
we shall be pressed. and entered
the Banks. under an important Lien
to My Country. and hunt up and
Existing Creditors of Rebels, if not

there should be plenty of cotton left to fill Par Hannan & all other orders.
I would like to do this thing, and think it practicable. I would have my wagons & teams at Shreveville purchase the cotton in Mexico bring the train to Shreveport & ship all from there to Galveston. I can accomplish this for things are necessary first- Faith in me and the next are to keep the cotton through the enemys lines secretly. They are so connected & Plantations that they would assist my project.

Yours truly
Walker

P.S.
I enclose the application from Mr Le for the purchase of Long Island Alcatraz & other islands Etc. After considering it & your decision please Chas Kinch- Submitted it to Genl Cook & if he concurs

Mr Pearce Will be glad to see any
body disposed to purchase
Wheelbarrows at Mrs Lemmons
Store

Camden 29th March
1838
Capt. J. M. Polk
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Dispatch in regard
to the Parkman
arrangement.

[illegible]

ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

RECEIVED AT Washington Dec 29 1864

BY TELEGRAPH FROM Camden Dec 29 1864

TO Lt Col W A Broadwell

Send tomorrow for Monticello
has there been action in relation
to Parsons Ans embarrassed by
delayed action on my requests and
Parsons sent boats to come up Ouachita

J M Polk

Dispd 3160

Monticello 10th Dec 1814

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Capt J. W. Pollock

822

Respecting a cotton
matter near the lines
of the Enemy in
Ala.

File

Monticello Dec 10. 6[illegible]

Col. Give the enclosed
paper a careful perusal -

The Military authorities here
are firm against the treasury
monopolists. Genl. Lauman, comdg
at Pickering. & in Canby place.
has released Leonard Purdy
Calvin & permitted them to continue
their trade in Cotton, but he
Wont. market themselves. They are
evidently holding out. to drive
a bargain, and will only yield
for money. or a draft - order from
the Secy Treas. Lovell made
to day to Genl Smith, through you
and asked him for an order
to bring matters to a focus here
one way or the other.

address me { Monticello,
at Hamburg. { Ark Post

1340 Cotton office
Monticello Nov 30th 64

Respectfully Submitted to
the Genral Comd.g for his
approval before circulated.
I note the remark that in
my opinion something like
this will greatly influence
the people. The most of
the Cotton in this Section
is held by men who have
purchased it from their neighbors

J.W. Pack Capt & Agt
acting Ass. Cotton Bureau

Cotton Office
Nov 20

Cotton Order.

MONTICELLO, ~~Oct. 24th~~ 1864.

The General Commanding the Department, in a spirit of kindness to the people, being sensible of their necessities, reluctantly entered into an arrangement with Col. L. H. Beltser, as the representative of the people of Drew, Ashly and Chicot counties, by which privileges are granted them to dispose of their cotton by donating one half to the Government. This privilege is extended to all the counties north of the Ouachita river, but to no other in the Trans-Miss. Dept. By this arrangement you will realise more for your half of the cotton than the people of Louisana and Texas, and in the interior of Arkansas, can for a whole crop, but they too cheerfully surrender one half their cotton with no privileges except those allowed under the President's regulations governing "Overland trade with Mexico."

It is the settled policy at Department Head-Qr, that not one bale of cotton shall go to the enemy, without an adequate return, and that all cotton exposed as yours is not immediately disposed of will be burned upon any threatened invasion or serious raid. Ample military force is at my command to execute this order. The Federal General Canby issues an order under date of Sept., 20th, declaring all products of the insurrectionary Districts Confiscated, and orders commanding officers to seize it. It is hoped that every Southern man would apply the torch to his own property before the hated Yankee should have it. A short time will still be given for you to decide upon your course of action, before I proceed under General Smiths order to impress the cotton required for the use of this Dept., The laws of Congress and public sentiments, accord to the Government the right to use the sirplus cotton and other property to carry on the war.

Authorised purchasers are now among you, to buy your cotton. Bagging and Rope will be furnished at cost upon application to this office.

J. W. POLK, CAPT., & A. Q. M.
Acting in Cotton Bureau for Dist., Ark.,

Cotton Office Montecello
Nov. 28th 1864
J. M. Polk Esq.

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In regard to Cotton in
Ark. the Belair Jury
& Parkinson arrangements
keeps the people alone
Nothing for the Govt.
Except Jeff Davis,
Genl Smith & the
Cotton Bureau "all
"Reconstructionists"
Want to see the
Yankees in possession
of the Country in order
to be able to work
their Cotton.

Monticello Ark
Dec 7th 1864
Respectfully to Col
D. A. Brandreth - Chief of
Cotton Bureau, Whose letter
is directed to the Belair
Contract, Now on file in

the Office of the Cotton Bureau, — I think Capt Polk is in error in stating the Contract with Mr Belcher Authorized the issuance of ~~unbleached~~ Permits, This I Was opposed to, and as Well as I could, guarded against it, in the Instructions, Nor Would I make Any agreement With Mr Belcher until he Submitted the Contract & his Credentials for their Inspection — in Which it is distinctly stated that all the Shipments are to be Made Through Our Persons — As to Mr Terry — he Visited Shreveport With a Petition from the People of Ashby Co, Who Stated that they did not desire Mr Belcher as their Medicine, but did Mr Terry, and requested that Any Supplies Shipped Through

Lines, on the Terms and Conditions of the Belcher Arrangement, This I Consented to, to the extent of Two Bales — I suggest the Idea of Seizing ~~Landing Letter~~ Property ~~of Enemy~~ refused by Capt Polk, but am not Unopposed, it is but the Same Whether they always attended our efforts to let the enemy have Our Cotton, and Your Cotton, as long as any Cotton is left, if not Shipped by the Authority Shown & this Route —

W M Black
Capt

E. B 26

This Letter Should be Shown to the Commanding General —

W M B

Cotton office Monticello Ark
Nov 28th 1864

Captain H C Black
Captain

Upon my arrival at Hamburg on yesterday Col Terry handed me your favour of 27th Oct with his permit from the Genl for two thousand bales cotton.
I regret that Col T did not forward this paper to me immediately after his return from Shreveport. It would have provided relief on my part which I felt called on to take, and which has materially changed the attitude of the Government and myself towards the people cleaning cotton under the Nelson agreement. An explanation is necessary to which I invite your especial attention and consideration.
For my guide, I have up to this time taken that agreement, departing from it only where I considered that the interests of the Gov demanded it. When I assumed duties in this district I soon discovered that the motives actuating the people to enter into this arrangement was not from patriotism but self interest. They found that they would not be permitted to ship their cotton to the enemy in violation of law, and that orders might be issued to burn the cottons in the Counties east of the Arkansas. If there is a single man that this remark does not apply to I have not met him.

they will give their sons freely to the army, but any call upon their pockets is met by denunciations of Gov Smith and the cotton Bureau especially.
They refused into the Ellen Agreement through fear, and the same influence makes them observe its conditions.
If the Govt were to issue an order to day, declaring that no further improvements and no further burning of cotton would be permitted; then is not one that would not repudiate that contract, hoping that the enemy would soon appear and possess the Country. This is a serious charge, but I go further and give it as my deliberate opinion that though they keep silent on the subject the majority are Reconstructionists. Col Eldridge stated in his answer for senatorial representative, which answer was made on the Cotton question ignored and repudiated him. He was beaten badly on the question and entirely subsided; not taking any further interest in the matter; in fact it was best he should not.
Some after, he was taken ill and has remained so nearly ever since. He was unable to do any thing and the people did not wish him to have any thing to do with their cotton.
No proposition was made by the people to substitute another in his place. The interests of the Gov demanded some action and after consulting with Mr Parkman on whose clear head and good judgment I rely much, I concluded to receive

the cotton from the people and grant the permits asked to them. This course has increased my labours to some extent but is giving great satisfaction and is working well. I have placed all the supervision around it which I could command. By the enclosed you see the form of permit and receipt. As far as practicable I have had the cotton to pass out in as few hours as possible. But little however has been exported as yet. Instead of the Miss river I have adopted the crossing of Bayou Mason as our line and have directed the Pickets to pass no one except those with cotton and have issued orders that no traffic be allowed, that parties selling their cotton must bring in their supplies in bulk. I took this course after much deliberation and not without telegraphing you for authority to grant permits. Subsequently on the I wrote to you about my action and receiving no disapproval I took it for granted that my course was approved. I also examined the agreement carefully and I now refer you to the 3ro paragraph of that article which concludes thus "each one in this arrangement is allowed to ship ^ upon acceptance of this proposition

. . . . . .

" does notice to it when permits will be issued".
My impression was that the only question to be settled was about permits.

The 5th paragraph, I informed, related to shifting blame from the Gov to Col Bilbo in case of difficulties beyond our living. / Having adopted this course towards the people of Howe and Bleska counties it would be unfair to the people of Ashley county for the Gov to appoint a commission merchant for them who charges them a commission to attend to their business. Col T advertises to charge 2½ per cent. In passing through Ashley County I found much disposition to oppose Col T's arrangement and in one instance the same objection was urged that was made to Bilbo; that, he would have the power to enter into complicity with the purchaser. I informed Col Terry that, having already given permits to individuals in Ashley county, I could not now force others into the consignment of their cotton to him; that I had done so in the full belief that my action was understood and approved by you until I read his papers. He replied "Then I had better decline having any thing further to do with it." That if that privilege was given them, none would give him their cotton to sell. I requested him not to say or do anything in the premises until I could communicate with you and get special instructions which I invite at the earliest day. I regret for many reasons the relative positions Col T and I occupy in this matter, Mr Terry is no doubt a correct business

Main and he would lighten my labors much.
I wish it were so that he and Baker could export all
the Citizens' Cotton but I believe it impracticable and that
if the plan should be urged it will go far towards depleting
the purposes of the General. I can see no objection
to the plan I was forced to adopt except the increase
of labour (which I am willing to assume) especially now
as the delivery of cotton on the Miss River is out of the
question. If we deliver and permit the people to deliver
and sell on the Ouachita the objection to intercourse
with the enemy is removed. Mr Levy informs me that
you informed him that I was instructed not to impress cotton.
These instructions have never been received by me and
I hope the General will give the subject due consideration
before he does issue them. I have never thought it
necessary to resort to impressment but the fear of it by
the people is of more value to me than any other consid-
eration. Nothing delays my operations here but the
want of bagging and rope. These articles have been on board
the "Hattie Cook" at Gaines' landing for two weeks but from
some unexplained cause the boat, after the first two days
has been allowed no communication with there. I have
not been able to ascertain the cause but infer that it is
consequence of Mosby's death and consequent change of

Commander. I am anxiously expecting Partisan who no doubt will be able to set matters right. I sent wagons to the river so soon as I was appraised of the arrival of the boat but she was not permitted to land the goods.

You will please forward to me special instructions for Ashley county. I dont think Mr S is anxious to retain his position. The petition for the appointment of agent would not have been signed but for the impression which was generally felt that an agent would be necessary. My action has shown the people that no such necessity exists. I regret exceedingly, the slowness of the ferry. If my course shall be approved, I would respectfully suggest that the General appoint an agent to come here and give the permits if I am not considered the proper person.

I wish very much you could come here and remain a short time to acquaint yourself by observation with the actual state of affairs. By my plan no one can cheat the Government unless they smuggle out.

I invite the closest scrutiny into all my official acts.

I am Captain very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
J W Pack Capt & A Q M
acting Cotton Bureau

Shreveport 23rd May 1842

J. M. Polk.

Proposition to transport
Cotton from the Sabine
to

Col Bradley

Shreveport May 22d 1864

Lt Col W A Broadwell
Chief Cotton Bureau
Alexandria.

I propose to transport the Govt cotton on the Sabine on the following terms, and Conditions

1st. To the Cotton will nearly all require handling & rebaleing. The Govt shall furnish the bagging & rope necessary to put the Cotton in good shipping order.

2d. The Govt shall grant me exemption from impressment of the negroes, Teams, & saw mill used in building the boats and carrying out the Contract.

3d. The Govt shall agree to pay all expenses incurred and a reasonable Compensation for my services & the use of my Capital. in Case it fails to ship the Cotton. by reason of a change of power, invasion of the enemy burning the Cotton. either by the enemy. accident or by order.

4th. When the boats are all built and landed at Palaski or at any point where the the Cotton may be. ready to receive the loading and when. the Cotton is all put in good order ready for shipment. The government

shall advance me Fifty thousand dollars
in funds of the new issue. To be deducted
from the amount due when the Cotton shall
all have been delivered according to
Contract
&c &c I as Contractor agree to transport
~~five thousand bales~~ ~~Cotton~~ as above stipulated & conditioned
for Thirty dollars per bale or to Houston
for Thirty-five dollars per bale, payment
to be made when the Contract is fulfilled
in government funds at their market
par value. No other facilities are
asked of the Govt.

Very Respectfully
Your obedt
Servt
Wm Bee

Colonel

By a close calculation I can not see how I can undertake the Contract at less by many than proposed. It is true there is a margin left, but the risk of transportation is Considerable in the first place as a common Carrier. Again there is in my opinion good grounds to believe that future legislation may would depreciate the new issues upon which we all count so much to Redeem the Credit of the Govt.

A Contractor has to submit at once to a discount of 33⅓ per Cent upon all his disbursements. There is great difficulty in procuring Labour and materials without the power to impress. And besides these and many difficulties and obstacles in the way of Carrying out a Contract.

Yours

D.M.O.

25 Boats to carry 5000 Bales Cotton $50.000.00
Transportation of " " on Railroad 40.000.00
Rebailing. the Cotton & loading 25.000
4 hands to the boats. make 100 hands &
pay for 1 month. at 75¢ pr mo. 7.500
their subsistence and transportation &
from Houston to Palaski. — 5.500

$128.000.00

Add. unavoidable incidental
Expenses. Risk of transportation.
&c. & you have a small amount
left to pay for the services and
use of Capital of the Contractors,

Monticello Oct 31/64

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For the information
of the Genl. Comd'g.
Capt McNally Company
referred to in this letter.
does not belong to
Col Parsons, Command,
But is, Independent,
I have heard of some
outrages on the Citizens
by this Company.—
They are reported to
have robbed Mr
Montgomery, near
Napoleon a few
days ago.—

J W Pattk. Capt Cmdg

Capt Atkins — In reference
to Capt Cregs Co & a Co

Near Genins Ldg 25 Oct 1864

Col Polk.

I reached Mrs Davis last Evening and this Morning learn that a boat the Sylph has been hovering around Lake just under the auspices of a Man named Malone to take the Cotton being hauled in that vicinity. I am also informed by Capt Anderson that the Cotton is hauled past the Pickets every day. I think there is bottomers in Dennark and a change should be made there. I have dismissed Capt Black.

Again there is a Company in the bottom Commanded by Capt McNulty. they tell me that they belong to Parsons Brigade and other that they are an independent Command and amenable to no one. Col Dashington says they pitched on a boat above Mrs Pendletons place in Cypress Bend a few days ago Mrs Leathers say they stole a horse from one of your pickets near her house last night. and they told one of my Escort they intended to have mine. Now this must be stopped in some do Nothing if Scouts are to be allowed to fire on boats as they please. and they will be likely to interfere with our trains over there the Enemy there are but two pickets at Leathers One and one is quite sick. and the other but his horse. I will send your despatches by Mrs ~~Osborn~~ Hunter who leaves in the Morning and will send them to Maj Robinson. She lives 4 Miles from Maj Robinson place——

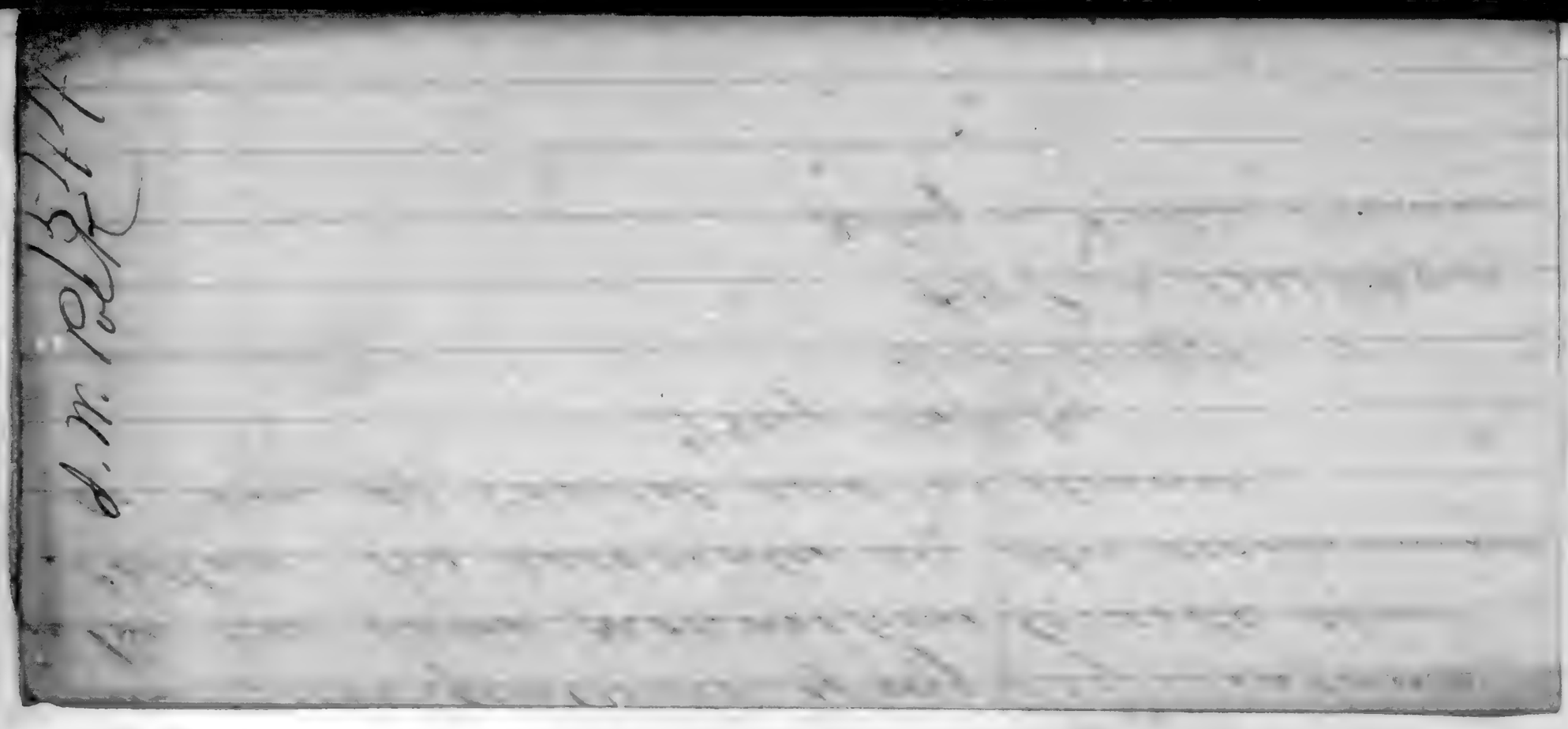
the Citizens in this vicinity are all depending upon you for Baggage & Cafe. I think you had best have pickets enough here so I can send one to immediately on my arrival with my boat, and instruct them to go out at my request.

My Mails are the Robt. Emmet = Mattes Cook = and H. A. Hennyer = you will give them Names to those Entitled to Know them.

Send Handsome and Quite Young Men.

yours &c

Mail = Mail = Mail route the Lower Citizens — be ready for me a full Cargo and a short hand,



Cotton Office Monticello
Nov 17th 1864

Captain W. C Black.
Acting Chief Cotton Bureau.
Captain.

This will introduce to you. Captain A. F Smith of Arkansas. Capt. S. come highly recommended to me from gentlemen of my acquaintance. He has some propositions to make about cotton. his associates are also recommended as men of Capital and influence.

Very Respectfully
Your obt
J M Polk. Capt & Qm
acting in Cotton Bureau

Washington Aug.

Dec 21 1843

J. K. Polk.

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Refering to Contract for the transportation of Cattle.

Washington. ark
Dec. 21. 1863

Capt W.C. Black
Cotton Bureau
Shreveport.

Captain.

I replied some days ago to your favour of 5th inst. in relation to Cotton Contract. I had not then nor have I yet heard from my partner Capt Miller. he may decline any Contract on account of the delay. they is not probable however. but should he do so, I will adhere to my proposition and carry out the Contract myself if awarded to me.

I have requested Capt McCurdy to call occasionally & ascertain your views & communicate to me & Capt Miller.

Very Respty Captain Jno Pope
J W Pope

Boston Nov 21 1846

Capt J. McPhee Agt

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Returning both of these
Indents of Majr J.
Robinson, believe the
Charges specified are
conformed to Instruc-
tions heretofore
given to the Superintend
of Clothing at Phila

Copy

Bayou Macon

Lick Dec 6th

Captain,

The Complaint against Major Robinson is universal, but I am unable to find one man who knows any thing disreputable of him as an officer. Candour Compels me to say that I do not believe any of the Charges brought against him. If I can find any thing tangible it will be reported to you. As to his efficiency as an officer I am unable to give an opinion as I am unacquainted with his duties. My acquaintance with him and his official acts is limited,

I have employed him to be
[redacted] and active in
collecting the stolen Cotton
and am giving him all
the aid in my power

I gave him a written
order to seize & confiscate
all Cotton moving in
the direction of the enemy's
lines which he had reason
to believe was going to the
enemy. and to state all
Cotton going east - also
to take possession of the
Weapons Teams & negroes used
in the transportation: and
When he found absolute
violation of the laws
rules. to arrest the parties
& send them to Memphis. to
be tried such arrest would

[illegible] Chandler with
a [illegible] Elliott both of
doubtful loyalty are oper-
-ating about Lake village
In my opinion both deserve
[illegible] Iyer yard
[illegible] grounds until
have [illegible] they are
[illegible] the people
by [illegible] authority to
[illegible] with Cotton turnips
[illegible] them. they
[illegible] harm I will
make them a subject
of another Communication

[illegible]

J. M. Peck

Capt 11C Black
Actg Chf Col D. [illegible]

P.S. Shall we have no papers or any
thing better to send the Virginia
which you will oblige
excuse

Washington 15th Street
9th. Sept 1864

Capt J. M. Poole

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Enclosing letter of
acceptance & oath
of Office -
& referring to the duties
of his office in the
Dist of State.

Harrington near Derby 12th day

Captain H. Clark

Fort Vancouver

Captain.

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd inst: enclosing my appointment. Enclosed please find my letter of acceptance and the necessary oath.

In communication with the Secretary of War, he informs me, that Major Robertson cannot report to me at present upon the case to rank, as you order to me does not state clearly & not the best to remove all doubt on the subject. If major R has not already been ordered. Circumstances might arise which would render desirable a report in the interests of the Service. I do not wish you to infer that I will assume any opinion and responsibility, on the contrary, but will not shrink from any duty which in my judgment will best serve the Govt.

I have seen in the morning

for Camden and Monticello, until
otherwise advised please address me
at Monticello Care of the Post Master
I have accidentally
left home sealed letters, that, the
Gov.t Collow in this County and especially
of Fulton, are in very bad condition.
The Cavalry commanded Captain Lloyd
the County, have all left the orders for
duties, to prevent this I would
be one of those to fill as they could
be obtained, I have no doubt but it
would be a caution, to have all the
Cotton first in good order, and stand
under Sheds and in Gin houses, in case
of rainy Weather.
If a Quarrel
report in this County, which I hear
speaked last winter, that the Cotton
Agent of the Treasury Dep.t for this section
has purchased as much Cotton for
Private account as for the Gov.t and
that he paid higher prices than he
did for the Gov.t at the same time, lately
I have found statements, evidently
by reliable and respectable men also
further more, that when this County

was treated by an inferior of the enemy he turned our his cattle to the Sick at an advanced price. This may have been by agreement. I know nothing of the facts, but deem the reports of sufficient importance, to advise you of them.

I am Captain Very Respt.
Your Obt. Svt.
Ed. Pendleton

Rec'd Feb 15-48 Ans. Rec.
26th Sept 1844.

J. M. Polk Esqr.

Refers to Washington
in the present system of
"permits" - Suggests a
change in the system

Red Fork.
Sept 26th 1864

Capt. H. C. Black
Actg Chief Cotton Bureau

Shreveport

Captain

The cotton bureau is properly a commercial department and any reason present themselves to my mind why it should not be removed from the control of military Commanders and be governed alone by the General Commanding the Department through the Chief of the Cotton Bureau, I fail to see why permits from District Commanders should be required to purchase cotton & procure Cotton speculators & mercenary generally aid. Your good judgement cannot condemn this indiscriminate use of authority & materially interfere with the proper discharge of the duties of the officers of the Cotton Bureau, in every case referred to that has come under my observation. The permits have been given to Jews & speculators of doubtful loyalty, none other seek them.

I would respectfully urge the necessity of securing the Cotton

required to pay for supplies. passing
through the hands of the agent of
the Bureau, and a strict order issued
that the supplies to be received and
invoices furnished before the cotton
is delivered in payment. But I
consider the system all wrong.
If the Govt desires to procure army
supplies on this border and in this
Israelitish way. I would suggest that
a Competent. reliable purchasing
agent be located here for the
purpose and let all the transactions
pass through his office, Instruct the
officer of the Cotton bureau to
supply the Cotton upon his requisition,
With a detachment of troops duly
under the order of the Cotton officer
I believe this plan would work much
better than the present system, I
Contribute no good here unless
there is some change, Therefore
I urged the necessity in a former
letter for authority to impress the
Cotton in that district without delay
and have what one can spit.

Yours Captain
Very Respectfully Your Obt Svt
Capt & A.Q.M. & Cot Agt

P.S. I shall return to Monticello by the 8th inst
Pls letters may receive from you, I await
stop for instructions,

Near Natchitoches
20th Sept 1814.

J. M. Polk A. g. l. C.

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Referring to the difficulties of Maj Robinson - and particularly in regard to transportation - asks for an order to impress transportation in all the Counties north of the Ouachita River

Near Gaines Landing
Sept 20th 1864

Captain W. C Black
acting Chief Cotton Bureau

Captain,

Major Robinson has many difficulties to encounter in collecting the Cottons stolen from the Govt. The principal one is to find the Cotton. in which, however, he is succeeding tolerably well, But a very great obstacle is the want of transportation to collect it in depots where it can be conveniently guarded. I have directed him to employ Wagons & teams for that purpose. It is probably the most convenient season of the year for the planters to spare their teams. I apprehend that there would be but little opposition, but there are but few Wagons in the Country, Take it all together it is a poor reliance. And when we come to move the Cotton to the river to meet the engagements of the Govt. It will be very difficult to do much without some transportation

immediately under my control. I therefore respectfully call your attention to the necessity of providing some wagon teams for this object. It is needless to refer to the necessity of having this transportation at an early day as possible, that the Cotton may be collected in convenient depots before the roads become too bad. I should judge from my own observations and what I learn from citizens, that the swamps is nearly impassable in the Winter.

If your bureau has no transportation to spare here I would suggest that the General Commanding Issue an special order authorising me to impress wagons teams and drivers in all the counties north of the Ouachita river.

I am Captain Very
Respectfully Your Obt Svt
H W Pollock Capt & A.Q.M.
- Cotton Bureau
Detroit Mich.

P.S. Please tell me how I must sign myself officially.

Copy

Bayou Macon
Sept 21st 1864

Major S. F. Robinson
Major.

I have reason to believe that it is the plan of some persons to smuggle in their Cotton & the enemy before operations begin under the Belton agreement and before the impressing officer begins ~~to~~ ordered ~~to~~ act.

You will please guard every approach to the river and place your best men on picket duty

I suggest that you place a Picket at Genl Gaines plantation to prevent the crossing Mason lake and if found necessary destroy the boats or sink them. Place another at Leathermans. the Boat might be at the bridge on Macon. Give your pickets strict order to seize all cotton and the teams & negroes used in its transportation. I will post Pickets above the approaches above.

Yours &c

H.D. Peck. Capt & A.C.

Copy

Lake Village
Sept 20. 1864

Major S. F. Robinson
Major.

You will seize and confiscate to the use of the Govt any Cotton being moved in the direction of the enemy lines when you have reason to believe that it is going to the enemy. Also take possession of the Waggons teams and negroes used in its transportation. and report each case to me. Permit no Cotton East of Bayou Bartholomew to be moved without proper authority

Very Respectfully
Your obt Svt
J W Pool Capt 44th Regt
In Cotton Bureau
Lake

Red River Shreveport
25th Sept 1844.

J. K. Polk Agm
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Estimate the Crop
in Ark. at 150M. bales.
80M. bales of old crop
Leggett the immediate
improvement of ½ of the
Cotton, under 3d orders.
Leggetts Schooner as
the Shipping point.

Red Fork Ark River

Sept. 25th 1864

Capt. DC Black
Aday Chief Cotton Bureau
Shreveport

Captain,

The growing crop of Cotton has been materially injured. in this section, it will yield about a half crop. below in Choctaw County the yield will be less. This a fair Calculation to say this section will yield 1500 Bales. My estimate is that the old Cotton on the Ark river will not exceed 800 Bales. It is impossible however to approximate to the number of bales. It is generally well hid. There is but little disposition on the part of the holders. to bring it forth. The growing Crop which shows for itself will be readily yielded up on Gen Smiths order. I have heard of Several lots hid in the swamps which I hope to find. I have a very efficient officer with a Squad of Men engaged in hunting it up.

I would respectfully suggest for the Consideration of the Genl Comdg That he issue an order authorising the immediate impressment of one half the Cotton. and at the same time direct the officer of the Bureau acting for this and Arkansas Counties, to receive the one half as a donation. upon the same Conditions and

as are imposed under the Bolton agreement. This plan has not the objections that it would have in Drew & Ashley Counties. Here there are but few holders and but little cotton. It will not give the officers of the bureau half the trouble, will enable us to get more cotton and in less time, I do not believe that there would be more than twenty permits applied for. I would recommend Napoleon the Shipping point. All the roads from the upper & back Counties Converge to that point and indeed into each at those some miles above. an office at this point would transact all the business.

I Consider the Cotton in this section in an unsafe locality. the sooner it is Collected and disposed of the better,

On my return to Monticello I will write you again & more fully upon this and other subjects Connected with the Cotton interests. I am Captain Very Respectfully &c

J. W. Pole Capt & agent

Cotton Rec'd at Napoleon Ark. from Jan 1st 1864 to Dec 31st 1864.

	No. Bales	Lbs
Jan	238	20[illegible]

Shreveport 12-25th 1860.

J. H. Polk

Proposition to transport

Cotton.

Dames creek Wood county Texas
Dec 14th 1863

Capt A. B. Black
Red River Shreveport
La

Captain

Yours of the 8th is at hand and in answer I will say that you may consider my proposition open as long as it will be considered practicable to allow sufficient time for building the Boats,

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant
A. B. Miller

Shreveport
Nov 20th 1863

I will transport Ten thousand
or more Bales of compressed Cotton
from your shipping point on the
Sabine river to Houston Texas upon
the following terms and Conditions
to wit:
For 10.000. Bales ... at $22.80/100 pr bale
For any number not exceeding 1000 Bales short of 10.000 bales
~~not exceeding 1000 Bales~~ at
$23.80/100 pr bale. The Government
agreeing on their part to secure
to me the same privileges on the
Rail road that they are entitled
to. for shipping. The government
also, agreeing, in the event of a
failure on their part, to pay
all expenses that may have

been incured by the contractor
at the date of annulling the
contract.

Respectfully.

Submitted.

A. B. Meiller.

P.S.

Should the number of bales fall
below Fifty thousand then I
will agree to deliver it at Houston
at Twenty five dollars pr bale
provided the number does not
fall below. Five thousand Bales.

A B Meiller.
by D W Poe,

Monticello July 12, 1862

D. St. Pack.

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The burning of Cotton Bales began

File

Wheeling Feb 12 65

Col.

I think it due to Packman that he should have a commission in our service. Such men are rare, and when an honest man can be secured for the service he should have it every thing attainable and proper to secure him in our service. Should you think proper to confer a commission upon him you will please forward it to me at Wheeling.

Our recruiting is going on finely the last week we have had more than we could muster. The companies I ordered from Grafton will be here by the 20th inst. The companies at the Camp will only muster. Of course they will be ready and I think after the 20th inst they will be ready for marching. I have become so much interested in the Cause as if it was my own Country.

Yours &c

Thos Fitch

W. Va.

Post
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Cotton Office
Monticello
Nov 3d 1864

Captain W. C. Black
acting Chief Cotton Bureau
Captain.

I have examined the transportation of this country, and am satisfied that it is insufficient to remove the Cottons of the County to the Miss river. What Waggons are left in the country are many of them in bad order, with no workmen to repair them, The people have had their Waggons steam impressed so often that they are extremely sensitive on that subject. I have advertised to pay a liberal price in Cotton, which will bring forth what can possibly be spared from the necessary uses on their plantations. If we had good dry roads it would of course facilitate very much but that is not the case. incessant rains for the last week have made the roads already very bad, they will remain so. Now I propose that instead of trying to deliver the Govt Cottons West of Bayou Bartholomew on the Miss river, we have it all hauled to the different Landings on the Saline river, Which is now navigable for a good class of steam boats and the testimony of the old citizens is that it never fails to afford good navigation all the winter and Spring months. Any of Capt Parkmans

boats can run within Eighteen miles of this point, at this time.

The people of Ashley County while they are willing to donate half their Cotton to the Govt positively refuse to haul across the Swamp upon any terms. they say they will not attempt to take their own Cotton, But all are willing and anxious to deliver on the Saline. they say they will waggle, slides and deliver it.

Upon wich refer to the map you will at once see the advantage this navigation affords for rapid Concentration of the Cottons as well as save a large amount to the Govt. Another advantage presented to my mind by this plan is this the can collect and deliver the Govt. Cotton at the selected points on this river without fear of Capture & Confiscation by the enemy. according to our present plan for delivery we are constantly exposed. All the Cotton owned not fond expression in this way. must along the Ark river and in the Bayous would have to go to the points of exportation on the Miss.

I shall make it a point to see Capt Parkman immediately upon his arrival at Galveston & propose to him to go at

once to the Saline with his boat. I believe that his permit from Fed Govt covers the Theams. or at least it does the Quachita & tributaries. If Capt P consents. I shall without wait any your approval. adopt this plan relying upon your sanction, If it meets your approval. I respectfully suggest that the General issue such orders as will Certainly insure the protection of the boats entering the Quachita river, &c to carry out Contract

Jam Captain Army Regulg
Spm Asst Sup
J. W Polk. Capt & a q m
Actg in Cotton Bureau

P.S. Jam uneasy about Mr Parham, not hearing able to hear from him.

Montreal 2nd May 1865

J. W. Polk

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Inregard to Cotton
in ass'y May Robinson
& Stolen Cotton &c
Postmaster &c &c.

Montreal 2nd May
Dec 7th 1864

I would respectfully
recommend to Col Ch
W A Bradwell, that Capt
Polk be ordered from the
further Case, and the Genl
of further responsibility in
the Case of delay of Cotton
to Mr McDonald - That
he be directed to make
the delivery at once

W B Clark
Capt &c

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Cotton Office
Monticello. Nov 29/62

Col W A Broadwell
Asst Cotton Agent
Atlm

I have lately made an investigation in to the Confederacy affairs in Maj. Robinsons District. upon his being relieved I secured the services of Mr Capston (who has been acting for Maj R. and is thoroughly qualified) to act in ~~Maj Rs~~ his place,

I am told more of the Cotton stolen from the Govt will be recovered. much of it was stolen by Soldiers & sold to the enemy. much more was stolen by women and others, irresponsible and disappeared it is impossible to identify it if found

Four hundred bales will be the entire amount to be turned over to Mr McDonnell this Dept. leave a deficit of 200 Bales which I am to supply from the Cotton donated by the people. It is desirable that Mr McD. should receive this Cotton as early as it is possible. we are looking for him daily.

Mr Parkman has also left

last

but is able to attend to same duties.

My office will be at Hamburg after the first Prox; please address me there by courier via Sanyview,

I am Col very Respy
Your Obt Svt
W H Polk Capt Company
Belong in Eaton Bureau

Monticello 30 Oct 1814

Copt. J. W. Polk

Nh

Respecting the Batteaux
arrangement &c during
permit- Citizens Letters &c

Cotton Office Monticello Oct 30 1864

Capt N. C Black

acting Chief &c

Captain;

Many days have elapsed since I received any letters from you, I am waiting in great anxiety for some assistance, Mr Parrman is absent, and I cannot hear where he is, and fear he may be sick, the last I heard from him was on Bayou Bartholomew with a chill on him, his presence or some one to represent him is indispensable, The people have begun turning over their cotton under the Belser contract and I am receiving it myself which creates the necessity of my being away from this Office when I should be at it, But I feand to delay in receiving it for many reasons, The season is far advanced, the roads already bad the country is daily threatened with invasion, the people are capricios as has already been shown, and above all things it was necessary to make a start, The opportunity presented itself and I am availing myself of it and am receiving cotton and granting the citizens their permits in strict accordance with the Belser agreement in all except the Generals endorsement In this I do not know whether I am acting in accordance with your views or not I have not been able to decide clearly upon this point, but in my own mind there is no doubt of the propriety of my action Super Parrman & Chidester both were earnest in their expressions to this effect that the new agreement set aside the necessity of the Gen'ls signature to the permits and that in view of the

that would be
necessity of prompt action it was understood, that the time
necessarily consumed under that first understanding should
be saved. They reiterated this after I quoted from your orders
to me on this subject which are positive. I differed with these
gentlemen and Telegraphed, for instructions Your reply,
"If Parrenan is ready to receive & you are ready to deliver
you can do so" clearly refers to the exportation of the Govt. cotton
I meant my questions to apply to all, Be that as it may right or
wrong, I have in view of the great object (which in my judgment
will be obtained by it) taken the responsibility and am granting
the citizens permits. Capt. Hicks has appeared at Galvd. Bay
with his boat and is paying Gold for cotton. His permit from
the Fedl Govt. is I understand for 570 Bales it is to this purchase
that the cotton is now going I consider this opportunity most fortu-
nate for the interest of the Govt. It had already been whispered
that there is complicity between the Govt. Chidester & Sappington
(the purchasers under Capt Parremans permit) and as foolish
as these reports may appear to you they have their influence
I have been laboring all the time to get as many buyers as pos-
sible for the citizens cotton. Again there is not Bagging & Rope
in the country to prepare the cotton for shipment this man
Capt Hicks supplies it I have notified the people everywhere that I
would soon have it to supply them, but it is not here, it will be per-
haps ten days yet before Mr. Parreman arrives with it, it will require
one week longer to get it here to distribute it to the citizens all this time
added together throws us into the winter and season & bad roads.
not to mention the fact that it is risking the invasion of the country
by the enemy that much more—

But the chief reason that governs me in my action is the positive necessity of using what little transportation now in the country to the best advantage I have not adopted this course by granting permits from choice but necessity, my powers are already taxed beyond my ability not of endurance but obliquity.

I am Captain Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
W Clark Capt & A.Q.M.
acting in Cotton Bureau

Monroe Mch 18th 1865

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J. W. Polk

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Confidential. Regarding
cotton trade on the Ouachita

File

Confidential

Monroe La Jan 18th 1865

Dear Col

I have drawn, for some time, to write & give you an account of Cotton operations in this Valley, but I have been so provoked with business that I never could find time to write you as I wished, and now can only notice some of the main features of the subject. Of my own operations I have but little to say at this time.

I arrived here on the 8th and reported to Brig Buckner with a cargo of about 900 Bales Cotton brought from Arkansas on the "Fletcher" of this, Over 600 bales were what we call "donated Cotton" under the "Baker Agreement" Shipped and sold to Parkmen for joint acct. of Government and Citizens & proceeds divided, the Govt. assuming No responsibilities in the premises.

That Cargo has been turned over to Parkman under an order from Brig. Buckner, and one of this (Pc) boats. (the Hamper) has gone and with about 850 bales — We are now engaged in making the settlement for it.

How is, to my mind, a perfect conglomeration of affairs here, but I have nothing to do with them, for once in my life. I have exercised all my caution and done nothing except under orders from my superiors; that attitude I shall maintain throughout —

McDonald passed here a few days ago, I was

about transferring the Cargoes, and Waived having Same, Much to My Regret, he sent me word B Camidown, which I did, but found Said gone, he had left precipitately in consequence of some difficulty with Maj Buckner.

I hoped to witness a renewal of Negotiations between Same and Parkman, & seeing the agreement made by them when Mr Donald was here, on the Consummation of which, was prevented by Maj. Buckners refusal to let Mr Donald purchase the cotton from the people; I think the Major took the wrong view of the case. You may not have heard about it. I will give you the main points - which were as follows —

Parkman agreed to carry out for Mr Donald 1.000 Bales under his (P's) permit, at $50- per Bale, in U. S. Currency, & pay P. D's giving him the use of his Draft on Baring Bros. for $100.000, (This paper being acceptable to Major Buckner)

Parkman was anxious to use Mr Donalds Exchange to facilitate him in loading Many boats than his own Means at that time allowed him to do — proposed using Mr D's Draft as collateral until he could get his own Money from Memphis.

Parkman informed me that Mr Donald agreed to it, upon the condition that Maj. Buckner would allow him to purchase his Cotton from the people upon the terms of his agreement with the Cotton Bureau, which I think was nothing but right & fair —

the Major thought differently - Had I been here, I could have endeavoured to get him to view the question favourably.

You may not know that I entertained strong prejudices against Parkman in command with all other Cotton buyers from the other side, and gave credence to the many reports injurious to him. But I have changed my Mind about him, reluctantly & slowly, but entirely.

Circumstances in business and of a character too, that made it necessary to watch him closely, has given me an opportunity to find out his character, and I believe that he is a high minded honorable man; every act so far has been in complyance with his Contract. We have good reasons to believe that his Sterling Exchange is of the first character.

Every officer on his boats is gentlemanly, and apparently not displeased by any into our affairs.

Mr Parkman, himself, has shown great liberality as well as great patience, under the difficulties he has encountered, and the heavy expence he has incurred in keeping two boats so long in our river, and especially just at this time under the existing state of affairs -

The Str "Rob Roy" (in the service of the Mansfield Company) arrived here two days after the Order, to close the lines, reached here - with a cargo of goods; Many of them are good substantial Army supplies, & all of them good family supplies.

The owners of this cargo are now selling their goods at enormous prices. I think 16 - from a store in town for Cotton alone, & one loading their boats ("Rob Roy" & "Music" & a Barge) while Parkman is not permitted to complete his cargo, although he pays Cash at the same rate as Cotton rates. -

I have no doubt but these goods are now under a permit obtained upon a compliance with the Yankee requirements of 25 per cent & 6 cts per lb for the Federal Treasury - Wells Parkman and McDonald were both able to satisfy us, that they were shipping their Cotton to Europe, and avoiding the payment of any Tax for the Federal Treasury except the 6 cts per lbs.

When the yankees are their late raid, were in Hamburg, they broke open Parkmans safe and got a large package of letters &c for Parkman, which had been forwarded the day before from Grand landing, they opened it and threw the papers on the floor - I examined all these papers and among them were private letters from his business Correspondents. I have no right to or know the contents & will not; but I can say this much; they contained Nothing of any political importance, while they satisfied me (or rather confirmed My opinion) that P was acting in good faith with us, and that his cottons were all shipped to Europe - In this way, they draw against their Bills Lading in favour of Chemical Bank for an advance in "Green Backs" which they use to buy Sterling Exchange, bills of Rothchilds who only deal for Cash.

If I am correct in my opinion

of Parkman, And he is actually sending his cattens to Europe, Is it Not Sound sensible policy, to use him in transporting our Cattens through the Enemy's territory when it Can be done at a far less expense than by Another route? and especially if we can get the full Value of our Cattens advanced in good Sound funds before it leaves our possession.

No Man would wage a More uncompromising War upon the "Ellory" permits than Myself—

McDonald, whom, I admire in many respects has done Parkman great injustice and in some instances, to My certain Knowledge, Slandered him—

Truly Your Friend
J W Pack

P.S. March 22. 62

Since writing the above, Major Buckner has authorised Parkman to go on and load his boats & he is making Preparations to leave on the 22 inst in Compliance with Gen Buckners order Closing the lines

I am personally desirous the claims from duty in connection with Cattens, have, but I must record my humble objection thereto & be in opposition to my Judgement. that we are doing

a foolish thing, to in pursuing
a course that prevents the realization
of good money for property that
will otherwise be lost to the Govt
& citizens. If it possessed
to rely upon McDonald to do
any thing he is an impracticable
theorist. whose sole occupation
seems to me to find fault
with what others do, and accom
plish nothing himself. He is a
detractor, and unreliable in
his statements which I can
prove. His relation to the
Cotton Bureau entitles him to
franking. on my part and from
every office connected with the
business. therefore should you deem
it necessary to investigate this
case. I claim no suppression
of the above statement,
I do not approve of Major
Buckner (sum total) McD
but the officiousness of the
gentleman in questioning Gen Buckner
orders does not require
I &c

Bayou Mason Station
21st Sept. 1864.

J. M. Polk A. g. l.

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Referring to the receipt
for bagging & Rope
assigns the reason for
suppying it immediately
Encloses Copies of orders
sent to Maj Robinson

Bayou Macon
Sept 21st 1864

Captain W C Black
Acting Chief Cotton Bureau
Shreveport.

Captain.

I would again direct your attention to the urgent necessity of providing Bagging & rope to bale the Cotton in this Country. without some assistance from the Govt the citizens will be unable to put their Cotton in shipping order. There are several reasons why the rope & bagging should be procured without delay. The first is the Govt may need the Cotton to meet its engagements. another if delayed too long. the roads will become almost impassable. But the last reason is this, the people are now in the humour to comply with the requirements of the General Comd.g. I do not anticipate much opposition to the Cotton arrangements or to the impressments. Nearly all are ever ready to Enter in to the agreements

to donate one half to the Govt. If we wait however until our troops are removed, if such should be the case every rascal in the Country will fit up a plan to smuggle and evade the agreement and the impending orders.

I hope these reasons will commend themselves to your good judgement. and that you will make some arrangement to procure the Material for baleing. Without it we can do little or nothing. These goods are not Contraband I can make arangements for their immediate baleing on Contract if authorised to do so. Fifty bales Cotton will procure enough to bale ten thousands.

I am Captain Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
A W Polk Capt & Qm
Cotton Bureau
Dist Miss

P. S. Send over Copies of orders to Major Robinson

Montreal 1538 Nov 14/64

I W Polk
Capt

Wishes for Mrs Jarvis
& Children

Boston Navy Yard
November 11th 1841

Capt. G. C. Read U.S.N.
acting in Command
Sloop of War

Capt. C. Adams's gratify
in need of a quarter master, quick and
ask you would procure me one as
well as (100) One Hundred Qr. Master
Blanks. No 22 and (100) One Hundred
No 12. They may be sent by Mr Thay
whom I sent with dispatches for
you to day. I am Respectfully
Alex Falk. Capt & A.G.M.
acting in Cotton Bureau

Monticello Ark.
4th Oct 1804.
1529

Capt J M. Polk Agt.
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Referring to the Cotton
interests in Ark. and his
action & suggestions in reg.
to securing the Ark Cotton.

Richmond Oct 11th 1861

Captain W C Clark
Acting Ass Gen Bureau
Captain.

I am this moment in receipt of your letter of 31st & 1st inst. in reply to which I have to say that I have received no communication from your office since I left Washington, nor have I received any communication from Major Winder since receiving from him, Cincinnati. He is beyond the lines and from my knowledge of his character I consider his services should be dispensed with.

Mr Parker is now absent in Ashby County but I expect him here to day. Several cotton traders into which I did not enter, what effect the removal of the troops may have on it is impossible to say. But I have no fear that we will be under the command the arrangement. It has no doubt been a bitter pill for the rebels to swallow, the withdrawal of protection. The cotton measure is unpopular with the people. But those who have cotton will themselves of this agreement through fear of impressment. The first day of my arrival here, there was a public political meeting at which they requested my presence. Cotton was the all absorbing question. I considered it necessary on that occasion to make it plain to the people, and did them that this arrangement with Col Winder was agreed to very cheerfully by the general Govt, but it was entered into in view of the great necessities of the people. That it was no favour to the Govt. And that, they might depend upon one thing that when the Govt needed their Cotton, impressment would be resorted to, and that no principles under that order would be granted. In this as well as other points I endeavoured to explain your views. [illegible] It is useless to say to make the cotton Bureau unpopular in this locality. It could be done. A Marshall general from our boundary caused it to be one to pursue, without regard to who is pleased or displeased. I have never hesitated to express the fact that the Cotton of the country is appropriated by act of Congress, and by public sentiment to the use of the Govt & they are the only ones that are entitled to it. Whether it is used by the Govt or the cotton Bureau is immaterial. Whether such a Bureau is necessary or not, is not for me to say. I am only here to carry out the views of the Govt. Whether such Bureau is necessary or not, I am not prepared to say. But I do say that the Cotton Bureau is popular in this locality. Whether it

ment, that would save the delay necessary
in sending to Thurston. It would
help along very much. Winter will
soon be upon us.

Yours &c
J. B. Hyatt

Dr Pell
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In reference to
Cutter Institute
Pullman asked
him the Supt.
and the Assis
to come over
Lucy & Pat

Captain W.C Wilcox
acting Chief Cotton Bureau
Captain.

Cotton office
Montevallo
Oct 24th 1864

I am so much pressed for time and with no one to assist me, I can not write to reply carefully to your interesting communication of 14th inst. I assured Captain Clark that my duties there have my whole attention and he endowed with what little ability I possess, wishes me devote myself to those my county in her tribulation. and without fear of misrepresentation, I undertake much trouble and vexation. but with good assistants I hope to accomplish some good.

A supply of Bagging I take it can easily obtained, and there is hay for transportation, will facilitate us much if Capt Clark could get permit from at Selma.

Yours Truly
Capt & A.C.S.
acting in Cotton Bureau

P.S. Capt Parkinson & Co. who desires have purchased some cotton in Bradley & Perkins County and are anxious to

to remain at once, they take the ground that by their new arrangement it permits from the General one accompany — I take exception grounds & have refused to permit us onward to take the permit from the General, at least beyond this point. Let me write unto you in explanation, & in justification in saying that I consider the whole set used, waiting, I have agreed with Parkman that, when they purchase all the cattle from a citizen and do all the hauling that upon turning over the first half I will allow him for it at the same rate - I pay the citizen, If you can send it of the first could send one after. It represent that, that would save the delay necessary in sending to the post. It would help along very much. Will write at soon he upon as.

Yours truly
Geo Pope
Capt

In reference to
Cattle purchased
Parkman contract
from the Indians,
and the limit
to which we
may go in the
matter

Monticello 6th Oct 1861

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Capt J.W. Polk A.g.ll

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Refers to the absence of Maj
Burton. The Battery arrange-
ment. Improvement of par of
the Cotton under orders 346 35.
general information
Ask the details of Robt H
Stone-oc oc

Copy

Shreveport La. Sept. 16th 1864

Dear Pol R.

I will leave this evening for Waco Texas and not having heard from you I suppose you have not yet settled yourself. This will be handed to you by my friend Mr. Stone of whom I spoke to you, and I dont want you to fail in getting him with you as he is the very man you want. Steady honest and of fine business Capacity and every way reliable and willing to go with you.

Write me at Waco Texas and keep me posted as to your movements.

I am Capt very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt.
R M Lewis

~~Capt. R.M.~~

I beg leave to call your attention to the above copy of a letter from our Mutual friend Majr. R M Lewis — Capt Buckner has concealed to let me go and I wish to be with you. I am confident we can be of service to each other

Respectfully
Rob't H Stone

Address
Robt H Stone
Care Capt R T Buckner A Q M
Shreveport

which does not multiplied when not be obtained by the men who have already bid for the cotton, the number mentioned in my last letter, if they had wished might do it but for this reason have no doubt but a rise of the cotton would take place at the end of the week.

Affairs of Indemnity & establishment of banking system at Paris.

The project of Indemnity at present before the Chambers. The Parliament appointed to sit on this, would no doubt write give its views on that subject.

The project for the Chamber of Commerce of Paris with for establishing the Department

Cabinet.

Mr. Packam informs me that I should pay strict attention to the last alternative in his letter to you, to appropriation made to me by a Cabinet of Jefferson County which adjourned sine die yesterday. The appropriation was Thirty Thousand Dollars a county Court to be held at Fort Scott the second Monday in June next for the purpose of locating the permanent seat of justice of said county. Said Court to consist of three Commissioners to be appointed by the Governor of this Territory, a majority of whom shall be authorized to act in any matter of business connected with the location of the seat of justice of said county. The Commissioners shall be sworn before they enter upon the discharge of their duties, and shall make a report of their proceedings to the next session of the Legislature. The Commissioners shall receive three dollars per day for their services, and shall be allowed mileage at the rate of ten cents per mile for the distance necessarily traveled in going to and returning from the place of meeting. The Commissioners shall meet at the house of Thomas Johnson in said county on the first Monday in June next, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and shall proceed to locate the seat of justice of said county at such place as a majority of them may deem most suitable for the convenience of the inhabitants of said county, having regard to the future as well as present population of said county. The Commissioners shall not locate the seat of justice of said county on any land reserved for the use of schools, or on any land belonging to the United States, or on any land to which the Indian title has not been extinguished. The Commissioners shall not locate the seat of justice of said county on any land reserved for the use of schools, or on any land belonging to the United States, or on any land to which the Indian title has not been extinguished.

with the other Countries, & by way of keeping
the other Hand we accepted, it would
be just that small one of, & Considered
it a just exhibition of patriotism of the
Ladies of Lima it—

1851

Monticello 15 6 7 Oct 1814

Capt J M. Polk Asst

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Respecting to the Canadian
proposition- as to addition
=al forces- The disposition
of the people to resist the
impressment of one half &c
Scarcity of transportation
Thanks- Can command it.

Very respectfully
Yr obt Servt
Th Jefferson

Capt Polk Asst Secy
of War
Washington

Captain W C Black
Acting Chief Cotton Bureau

Monticello
Oct. 13. 1864

Captain Mr Parham is of opinion that the Cotton holders in this section are indisposed to enter into the Bellaire agreement. Since the withdrawal of our army, and the late demonstration made by the enemy.

I have perceived that a general feeling of doubt pervades this Community about the ability and intention of the military Authorities to protect the County. and Consequently, they doubt the power of the Cotton Agents to enforce the compliment of one half their Cotton. Some no doubt would deliver their Cotton in good faith according to their already expressed intention, Others fear if they do so, and dont get-Drewry's Bluff, that the enemy will confiscate it, Now is Another Crop, and probably the most numerous to early desire the invasion of the County believing they Can make terms & save it,

While the County was occupied by our army. the Cotton interest was very Prosperous. Now without some change, I fear we Can do much. My hope is that the attention of the enemy may be attracted to some other point. The present Command here is incompetent - if not inadequate in numbers

to Keep the enemy out of the country. - if they choose to come

Price Donate upon his Capt Parkman has opened the invoice & shewn me the papers, & I am informed one Clerk in his detention & make a proposition to remove all the Gov. Cotton from this County. I hope it will be done as this Cotton should be applied, & would simplify and facilitate matters very much, if all the Cotton-bound the people and the Govt could be got into the hands of one party, and especially so now in the present positions of affairs in this Line. Much Confidence is lost by the people in the present bonding System & Rules. I think their intentions good in part. I would treat Cotton & the Trade, and sell it to any purchasers presently resident here, or Ship it for their own account to their Merchants at Memphis and Vicksburg, which they cannot do under existing Orders of the Hd Qrs. authorities, but they are strangely ignorant of these orders.

I call your attention again to the necessity of a larger force at this point directly under the Control of the C B. in my

with Lerroneously Stated Denson's Squadron at 200 instead of 140. if Some good Companies Could be added to this force it would facilitate an operation greatly,

With the "new issue" I have no doubt but Major Robinson Could manage to secure enough translation & assistance for his purposes.

Should we be called upon to remove the Cotton in this part of the District at this time. it Could not be done. There are no Waggons & teams left at all. The people Cannot gather what little Corn is left them Even the two horse Waggons have been taken, I have never Known Such a reckless disregard shown for the rights and necessities of the people. As in Lieut Mc Pherson's impressment order. and Now Lieut Le has ordered them all detained to make a Depot at Prairie D'Ahn. Impressing parties were sent Every house in Every direction Clear to the Ark. & Miss rivers, I am particular in describing them, that you may understand, the difficulties we Shall have to contend with in procuring transportation.

If the Bureau has money. I think it would be better to purchase Some Wagons & teams. - I have not looked it but think Twenty or Wagons & teams might be purchased near the river.

If I can. I will get Transportation, or what would be better and probably more economical to the Govt. - Coin.

I enclose you an order of Capt Hays on relation to trade, also a P O paper.

Latest papers quote Cotton dull in N York at 91.20 - Gold 91.90 - Sent Genl Grant a No Republican of the 5th & Memphis paper

Memphis Tenn Nov 13th 1865

Capt J. W. Pollock
A.A.G.

Sir

Respectfully transmitted for the action of the Bureau of Refugees Freedmen & Abandoned Lands, the accompanying letter of Capt Hays A.A.G. Dist of Memphis Tenn.

The object of the letter is to secure the employment of one thousand freedmen to work on the levees of the Mississippi River.

I am Sir very respectfully Your obt Servt

Captain
Wm Rapsley
Asst Comr
for Genl Fisk

J W Pollock Capt & A.A.G.
Relative to Cotton Bureau
Levees

Montecello Ark, Nov 28. 1864

D. M. Polk

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Says. he Can do but
little until he gets in
Bagging & Rope
Wants Superior to be
Postmaster. but lows
it. wants instructions
& authority to grant
Permits. to export
Cotton ——

Manchester Texas
Dec 7th 1864

All that I did in addition
to the Baker arrangement,
was in my Official Capacity
as "acting Ch. of Cotton
Bureau", and is on file
in his Office, It is for
him to affirm, When the
interest of the Service
is advanced, and to

Vicksburg Miss. Nov 28. 1864

O. W. Pack

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Sergt. he Can do but little until he gets in Bagging & Rope. Youth Referred to the Postmaster. but told it. Wants instructions & authority to go round Permits. to & from Cotton

Memphis Tenn
Dec 7th 1864

All that I did in addition to the Below arrangement, was in My Official Capacity as "acting In Chief of Cotton Bureau"; and is on file in his Office, It is for him to approve, When the interest of the Service is advanced, and to disapprove Where it is not, Regardless of any Consideration of the Person acting in Such Capacity, Country and not Persons, being the motive which Should always govern —

H. B
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W. E. Black
Capt A.C.

Cotton office
Monticello Nov 28th 1864

Lt Col W A Broadwell
Chief Cotton Bureau.
Col

I have the honor to report to you, that my operations are very much retarded for the want of Bagging & rope to put the Cottons in shipping order. Had the authorities been proper to authorise me to procure the bagging material earlier in the season. I believe the Cotton of this section would now be ready for delivery.

I made a requisition of Mr Parkman for 100 Coils Rope & 100 Bales Bagging. his agent advises me of the arrival of 100 of each at Lyons Bay but from some cause not ascertained the boat is not permitted by the Gunboats. to land it. I hope the cause of detention will not be permanent. Mr Parkmans arrival is hourly expected, when he arrives it is believed all will be right. The people of this district have generally consented to donate their Cottons under the Bellaire arrangements. A difficulty presents itself to my mind, in the appointment of Col "Tom". I addressed a long and plain letter on yesterday to Capt Blackburn this Subject. not knowing that you had

assumed duties in your Office. Submits your Careful Consideration. of the points suggested. before you give me Special instructions, in the premises.

I am Col.r Very Respectfully
Your Ob.t Serv.t
M Rich. Capt.n A.Q.M.
acting in Cotton Bureau

P.S. I have just learned that the boat is in Shore ready to deliver the Bagging & rope & receive Cotton P

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Cotton Office

Mr Baker.

Montiello ——— 64

A B. is hereby granted permission to export & sell ——— Bales Cotton at Yanies Landing upon paying the export duty in Coin.

Sg.d

Capt & agent

acting in Cotton Bureau.

Received. 1864. ——

Cotton agent. ——— Bales. Cotton in good order in store for the Govt. which I promise to use due diligence in taking Care of. and deliver to the proper officer when called for.

Sg.d ———

The receipts & permits Corresponding. and when the Permits are used. the officer, cutting them up. writes Cancelled across the face & signs his name. —

Manchester Nov 28 1864

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J. W. Pool

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Inregard to detail
of Mr Stone

Manchester Dec 7/64

The note to Genl Bass
Was sent by me - I
Was in Manchester when Mr
Stone left - He was enabled
by Capt Mooney, and at
the time of his trouble to the
Cotton Burn, in the Service
of Capt Buckner A.A.G.
We reluctantly Consented
to part with him - All the
information required respecting
his detail and appointment I
have, Can be had at the
Office of Colo Randolph,
Bureau of Conscription -

F.B. 25

W. W. Black
Capt

Cotton Office
Monticello Jan 28th 1864

Lt. Col. W. A. Broadwell
Chief Cotton Bureau
Col

Mr. Stone informs me that previous to leaving Shreveport he addressed a note to Brig Genl W R Boggs through Capt W. C. Black asking that his detail may be made a special one not to be interfered with by enrolling officers under any order whatever, for reasons set forth therein, I find him very useful to me and have the honour to ask that you give this matter your special attention

I am Col
Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant
S W Polk Capt & A.Q.M.
acting in Cotton Bureau

Monticello 24th Octr
1805

Copl. J. M. Pdh.
594.

Dispatch in reference
to the Parkman
arrangement for
Cotton to move thence
Ask. instructions.

Arkansas State Telegraph Company.

Oct 24 1864

By Telegraph from Monticello 24th 1864

To Capt W C Black

Via Camden

Both Buckman and

Chidester are under

the impression that I

am authorized to permit

Cotton to move at once -

I think differently. It is

very important that there

should be no delay in

several cases Instruct

me by telegraph Can I Col

Chidester Commence acts

44 Col 3520 A. H. Pack

Capt & C.

A. 1566.

Monticello. Nov 4th 1864

Captain H. C Black.

Captain.

On yesterday I addressed you a letter on the subject of changing the points of exportation for the Peoples and the Govts Cottons. the more I reflect on it, and the more information I obtain. I am the more impressed with the importance of the change. The testimony of all the old citizens is that the Saline has not failed in twenty three years to be navigable from December until April. The Cottons of Drew, part Chicot, Ashly, Bradley, and Calhoun Counties. Can be delivered on this river on one fourth the time and at less than half the Cost, I doubt very much whether the people can haul their own cotton to the river to say nothing of the Govt cotton - If an overflow should come which is allogether probable we cant move a bale to the river. The Cars stands thus at this time. Three fourths the peoples Cottons is not packed for want of Bagging rope and therefore Cant be moved until all this work is done. when they are ready and have not half to the Govt they must be furnished to haul their own part. Many of the men

who are now burning over the Govt, are making their arangements to move away from the Country as soon as they sell their Cotton & will take their Teams along with them. Another difficulty presents itself. The Federals have revived their Marine Brigade and are raiding along the river they captured my pickets at Gaines Landing road and I have just heard that Major Dinson with nine of his men were captured night before last near Columbia. Planters who had started to G Landing with Cotton have returned through fear of loosing their teams. In view of all these difficulties I see no way to overcome them but to adopt the Saline River.

If will save the Govt a large amount Dare Mr Parkman in the purchase of the Cotton, for they will deliver it on board, for sale cheaper. I suggest that you get the General Issue an order at once protecting Parkmans Boats. The "Emmett." "I. D. Hooper" and "Mattie Cook" I believe are their names. his letter which

I enclosed to you— the cifers his boats, Any others purchasing Citizens Cottons Can apply for themselves,

If you Can Consent to this I will get the Order from the Genl. I will promise on my part to Collect the Cotton, if the Enemy keeps away.

I shall see Parkman immediately on his arrival & arrange with him this plan, which I know he will Consent to,

I am Captain. in haste

Your Obt Servt

J M Polk Capt & A.Q.M.

Aday in Cotton Bureau

6 Mon Reg 3 Texas
16th May 1844

Wm Polk.

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Asking employment

Cotton Gin. Texas
Fredonia County
May 16 1864

Col Broadwell

My dear Sir

Nothing in the world can I do towards buying Cotton in this State, at least in this part of it except for Specie. I had hoped through you some few days at one time to have made the arrangement. But now no possibility of doing any thing. The Condition of my family and the large number of Negroes I have under my charge renders the impressment for me to join the Army. I dislike the idea of asking for a detail. and hope you may be able to arrange matters for me in some way, in Texas in this State of La, that I may serve the Gov. in some way. so as not to be annoyed by an embarrassing office as.

Write to me at this place

Upon earliest convenience

Respectfully Your

Wm Bullock

Monticello Ark. 31st Oct 1868

Capt. J. W. Polk. Agt

707.

Referring to the aforegoing
of Col Parsons Report of
Coal to protect the
interests of the Govt in
that Dist. Enclosing letters
of the Parkmen

facilitate our present
Cotton plans. while it does
not in my judgment interfere
with military operations.
We are exposed to raids from
Pine Bluffs at any hour
and are kept Constantly
excited. by reports that the
Federals are organizing two
forces through Arkansas
Some to protect the Country
from Indian raids.

Excuse this letter. I have
not time to copy.

Jam Captain
Very Respy Yours &c
W Polk Capt & AQM
Army in Cotton Region

Monticello 7th Dec. 64

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Copt. J. W. Polk A.A.

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Enclosing letter addressed to Genl Magruder and giving his views in regard to the Belen Pachmann, & other arrangements for the disposition of Cotton by way of the Miss River &c &c

Unofficial & Confidential,

Near Yorktown 19th Dec' 79th 81

Col.n

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your unofficial letter of — date enclosing copy of yours & Genl Smith's,

Your inference is correct, with regard to my desire to the duties I am discharging but being assigned to it, and having sought it, I feel some ambition to do well what I am ordered to do, I have not been unmindful as I would have been, the frank and black dish not see proper to adopt my suggestions to obtain that material early in the field. the failure to do so has been a great draw back in carrying out. this most difficult enterprise & detaining Cornwallis to the enemy. I was opposed to the Seige counted and told Genl Smith I had no faith in it and did not like it. It was made however before my appointment. But being made I see no way to annul it, without a violation of a positive contract, and your taste on this head of the Journal by reference to that contract you will see that it is binding on the Genl

the people may by their own acts. benefit as the arrangement. If after being supplied with Bagging & ropes they exhibit any further backwardness in subscribing their cottons. I will recommend that after ten days all cotton not subscribed & turned over to the Govt be destroyed. I trust the possession of abundance, perhaps, thus coming, If the enemy are to invade us, much of the cotton would be lost by capture. with none but their own hands to depend on;

I would not hesitate to annul the contracts made with the purchasers of the Govt cottons. I look upon them as nothing more than agents of the Federal Govt

At one time I was much opposed to letting the enemy have a bale of cotton, governed by this feeling I hurl my own hitherto crop and discarded all others should do likewise, But. Now, I hardly can decide which is the best policy. The question on both sides can be strongly presented with arguments. If we could dispose of the supply on hand to an extent that would supply a good round sum, to become ample Machinery for all kinds of manufacture, to make us Self Subsisting, And even that not more attended with

the balance, and pursuit the grandeur of any more
beyond home dandy, in my judgment that
would be some today. but you pursue &
have lead-ifs. in my profession. I am put
in much offered to today Europe have
our citizens, in our direct enemy. Regard
them all our enemies, and therefore pursue
following as bad benefit our them as our
world, the have has depended on them.
and the nations of europe directly to have
& pursue have acted Mars and Mercury
towards us, the are alone indebted to distinct
-ion for that sympathy and assistance we have
received abroad, they are against us and my
heart would be to draw from them at once
what the require to make us self sufficient
& then close up like an Oyster, and for
spar, take Plato at Tonic. Whate men
require does a citizen build of more than few
days, the have other resources and means
of subsistence our national wealth, while
I do not delight in human Misery. I would
gladly see every manufactory in cotton fabrics
in Europe destroy on their Government
I cannot suppose there is distinct subsig

wounds. those nations, that through a-
-ritical, philanthropy, look on in apathy
and cold blooded unconcern. at our struggle
upon freedom, and self-government, led on
we are by a gentleman, a statesman and
a christian who has never ceased from
them one word of comfort and encouragement,

I have never consulted my private
views on this question. I am not like
yourself who will perhaps view boldly on this
question, what in you would demand serious
consideration, in me would elicit upreproof,
or at least no attention, therefore like
a good soldier I only have to obey orders and
give to my superiors the right to decide questions
of public policy, acting upon this principle,
and believing, that the Pres.t Sec.y Seward,
General Smith, yourself, Judge Gray and
Captain Black, sanctioned and authorised
the present disposition of the expressed views,
I not only acquiesce but have labored hard
to carry out what I believed to be the wishes
growing out of "Military Necessity" Having
taken this position I cannot recede from it
against my own judgment or at least without
being clear in my mind that the policy warrant,
I addressed the enclosed letter to Genl Mapreder
only through a sense of duty. I was placed
here to do this work, and was expected to

accomplish it, and in the face me and it is my nature to do all as I can do take. like a lawyer will take a hard case. I am doing all I can for my client. That many in declare that the policy at Fort Pitt is not to [illegible]

I confess frankly to you that my wish is to be relieved from this duty if it happens to me, my friend Capt Black thinks different and I dont want him murdered. I am willing to do my duty whenever I am, but this work is breaking me down. Did I ever get without explanation, that since I have got so far along with it, I probably am the best man to finish it: if it is to be done.

Only you know

Wm Clark

Col Dr Bradford
Pittsburgh

If these d—d Texans will hurt us the concern of they aint restrained, they are spoiling the life out of me,

1870

Colton Office
[illegible] St. 1874

[illegible]

I hope you will excuse the liberty I take in submitting for your consideration some suggestions of my own in relation to the Colton question.

You are acquainted [illegible] with the present condition of the case made by Judge Hoyt to the Settlement of the Col. claim. Still can be advanced to him. Also with the agreement made by Col. Smith with the citizens of this portion of your district. The policy which governed both the Col. & Judge Hoyt was evidently good sagacious & politic - pursuing [illegible] for the rest of the Legislature, and just to extend the reputation of the Fourth Southern people. These objects can only be accomplished. A large amount of Sterling property will be secured for that which without proper management, will be an added loss to the Col. The [illegible] expenses [illegible] and intercourse with [illegible] de-[illegible], & being found to be impossible to [illegible] it. Therefore to view a practical view of the condition of affairs as

to the Indians and Quebec Fishers. But first I am
to clear up the Letter, in which I am enjoined first
district to attack Nevis, your ships and support will
be necessary. If you [illegible] and
and my [illegible] to proceed [illegible] to
superior force, I request [illegible]
as soon [illegible] and observe [illegible]
of intelligence and observation [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] with [illegible]
have to [illegible] and [illegible]
be clear of [illegible] and keep
every [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] to occupy the Citadel and the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Landing.

Genl. [illegible]

1770

Boek 13-71

Monticello. Oct 16th/64

Maj Dunson
Comdg Squadron

Major. Mr Parham in replying to your application to use cotton to procure clothing for your command. was authorized by me to say. that if you could make an arrangement to do it, that I would furnish the cotton for that object. I was not aware at the time of the existence of Genl Smiths late order on the subject of exporting cotton. neither did I know of the transfer of the cotton Bureau to the Treasury Dept for future arrangement. One cardinal feature of the late regulation is that the cotton shall be sold for money & the goods purchased for money. This will change the manner of procuring all army supplies. In your case I was authorized verbally by Genl Smith to see that your command was well clad & equipped. Which made me readily sanction your application to Mr D. Under existing circumstances I shall have to withdraw the authority to use cotton. I see no reason however, why you should not make the arrangement for the clothing to be paid in money. I will, also I hear from you, make this case a subject of an especial letter to the Bureau— Genl Lamar is an excellent officer & does his duty well. But I have not enough men. it will require one full company to police the Court House Square now, since all other troops have been

withdraws from that section. Could you do the duties of "Asst Gains Adg" with fewer men than you now have with you?

Very Respectfully Major
Your Obt Servt
L. W. Polk, Capt. & A.G.
Acting for Cotton Bureau.

A true Copy.
W. B. Lawson

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Monticello. Ark. Oct 7th 1864

Major.

Your favor of 25th Sept is to hand. In reply I beg leave to state that my powers in the matter of the exportation of cotton are simples these. Under the arrangement made and person turning over to Govmt any quantity of cotton. Will receive from Genl Smith a Permit to export an equal quantity. My business is to examine & receive the cotton, giving a receipt to the party donating, and to send up to Hd Qrs a list of the names of the persons & the quantity donated, upon which a permit is forwarded from Genl Smith authorizing Col Jno W. Polk (Supervising officer for Arkansas) to allow each of said parties to export through L. H. Belser an amt equal to the amt turned over to Govmt.

You will see from this, that I have no authority to grant the application made by you in behalf of your command. I have consulted with Capt. Polk, Quartermaster, and am authorized by him to say this. You can through your Quarter Master make arrangements (I would suggest through Lecourges or Cyrus Johnson) to buy the articles so much needed by your men. viz. One suit of good substancial clothing or Materials for the same. one Blanket & one Pr Cavalry Boots each. Whenever the articles are ready for delivery at Mr Johnsons or vicinity, the cotton will be furnished by the Govmt to pay for them at once. It is not right that you

or others in the service should furnish means to clothe your men. The last Contract for clothing was on the following terms & it is expected that the prices you pay will not materially vary from them - Goods at Wholesale prices in Yankeedom & cotton in payment at 75 cents per pound - Dont go much beyond these figures. Hoping that you may be able promptly to obtain the Articles so much needed - I am

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Jas G. Parham
Special Agent &c

Major W. B. Renou
Comdg Squadron &c

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Mount Vernon. Oct 26th 1864

Gentlemen I respectfully
refer Capt Black for his
views, and decision,
the same time, to afford
information. on the subject

H H Rock. Capt & A.Q.M
Adjt in Colon Mann.

Monte Allo. Oct 26th 1861

This communication is respectfully
referred to Capt Black for his
consideration, and decision,
and at the same time to afford
him information, on the subject
referred to,

J H Polk. Capt & A A G
Adjt in Color. Troops

Camp on Gum Ridge - Oct 24th 1864

Capt -

Your favor of the 22nd Inst has been
recd - I have copied the letters required and
will enclose them to you. I have taken some
of the preliminary steps in the matter alluded to.
but fear that nothing can be done till the orders
of the Federal Govt with reference to trading -
boats are changed - No boat under any pretence
whatever is permitted to land on either side of
the Miss' River. I hope, however, that the trade
will soon be opened sufficiently for our purposes.
I see from the Federal papers that changes in their
policy as to the trade, are contemplated.
I will send to Lieuts Conroden & McWilliams all
the men which are not actually required to picket
on Bayou Macon below Lake Village, and to
constitute the Guards on the Miss River, ordered by
Genl Magruder. I hope to be able to furnish them
in a few days. The sick list is yet large. Maj Robinson
ordered me to establish a Courier Line from the Miss River to
Warren, which I did. The men on that line will be re=
lieved tomorrow - I will forward them without delay.
to the designated points. I learned this morning
from Maj Robinson that he neglected to forward
my application for the County of Carroll referred to -
He directed me to make out another, but it will be
useless as you have already made the requisition of

the authorities. Press it and we will get them. We are in great need of them. As the guards are now posted, owing to the scarcity of men, cotton can easily be crossed over into La and crossed over Boeff River & Bayou Mason to the Miss River. We should have pickets as far south as Pinkneys on Bayou Mason- I will go well to this part of the line -

Capt- if convenient call on us soon. I will be somewhere in the vicinity of Major Robinsons on Bayou Mason- I would be glad to confer with you. There is an important question before me in my command now. I strongly suspect a Lieut of being implicated in smuggling a load of cotton through the lines- I can get no direct but strong circumstantial evidence. If I could get any of the former kind, I would prefer charges against him, but our Courts-Martial are generally composed of a character of men who require direct & indisputable proof to convict. I am in favor of preferring the charges anyway, but Maj Robinson thinks otherwise and I have almost concluded to pass it over with a severe reprimand- If I thought he could be convicted I would not fail to send him to Camden, for I want an example for my men. If another experiment is tried I will make one. I would be glad to hear from you before I release him from arrest, if you can write within a few days. I am Sir, Very Respectfully Yours &c W. B. Rawson Major

To Capt Lucius M. Polk

Monticello
Oct 24, 64

Capt Black.

Have a/c. I hope not to trouble you with these matters, & that I never must be burdensome to you. I hope you will appreciate my anxiety not to exceed my authority.

Please advise me as to the Major Benton Harkins detailed from duty in Pilot B. or whether I can be spared to him. From your letter I infer that I ought directly to yourself

Very Respfly
Your Obt. Servt. &c.
Capt W.C. Black.
Shreveport La

Dalton Office. Monticello
Oct 20th 1814

Major C. Swearingen
Comdg Squadrons

"Extract" Major

"In consequence
of changes in the Cadets
Bounties and late order to me,
all authority from me to you
to obtain Subsistence for those
Commands, is withdrawn,
Please forward me the papers
asked for, however, and I will
do what I can to obtain the
object desired by you."

Yours Major &c.
J. H. Peck. Captn &c
acting as Colln. Dunn

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Cotton Office
Montecello
Oct 27th 1864

Captain W. C. Black
acting Chief Cotton Bureau
Captain.

In vindication
of himself Col Chidester informs me, that
He had authority from the late
Senator Mitchell, to state to the people,
that a better arrangement would be
made for the distribution of their cotton,
than the arrangement, made by the Genl
Comdg & Col Nelson, and says he has.
Senator Mitchell's letter stating that in an
interview with Gen? Smith he (the General)
said "That the Govt would pay them 20th
bale for one half their Cotton & permit them
to export and sell the remainder" Mr. Putnam
confirms this by stating that he has seen the
letter, I told Col Chidester that he was
justified upon that authority to speak to
the people as he did. and have expressed
myself entirely satisfied, that he did it
in no spirit of mischief. I have promised
Col C. at his earnest request, that as
soon as I could find time I would
investigate the whole matter about

his application for permission to remove his cotton to the plantation of Lycurgus Johnson on Mush river.

Entertains no further fond feelings towards the Doctor. and feels appreciate the necessity of harmonious action during his present relations to the contin[illegible]ments of the Govt & people

Jno Captain Jerry Kelly
Jerry act dec.

Wm Polk Capt 4th Regt
acting in Cotton Bureau

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Park 15-23

Capt. W. C. Black
Actg Chief Cotton Bureau
Captain.

Cotton Office
Monticello
Oct 25th 1864

For the work laid out for me. School need much assistance. The district is a large one, and all opposed Mr Parkman service will be invaluable in aiding me generally. but his especial duties will keep him employed, if it meets your approbation. I would respectfully suggest. that you send some one on whom you can rely entirely. to do. Mr P. work. and place him in charge of Major Robinson district, this change I consider needful, I cannot be specific without. stepping upon charges against him, which I do not wish to do. for I have no feeling to any against him. and could candidly believe that such orders could admin has been attached to him. that he has been free a long time, the people believe he is corrupt, he is unpopular, that fact alone disqualifies his efficiency. If Mr Parkman could be retained there, and Mr Stone or some other steady business man of character and integrity. could be sent to stay

in this office with me & thinks
matters would work much smoother
than heretofore, & that we could
dispense with a recorder. Hillsborough
will, I conscientiously recommend the
withdrawal of Major Lawson's
command.

Yours Most Truly

W Polk. Capt Dayton
relay in Cedar Keys

P.S. I shall address a communication
to the Surgeon Genl. asking for another
additional Squadron or Battr of Troops
which may arrive at this time that
any arrangement may be made for the
removal of the Cedar Keys

Cantonment
Monticello
Oct. 23d 1814

Captain H. C. Stark
adjt Chief Cantonment
Creek Nation.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of 14th 17th & 20th inst. & returned here on yesterday, from the Ark & Miss river. I regret to say that there is much complaint of the Major Commandg being dilatory in his movements. I am satisfied that Cantonment has been productive of very considerable benefit to the Army in considerably a extended points, & had there not been a sufficient force collected & ready to act at the moment of the Creek hostilities, but the Chiefs say nothing on that point. The Major is fearful that he should not have sufficient force to act effectually against the Hostile Indians, & therefore has made up of Cherokees & Creeks, and from all accounts he is much disappointed at not receiving the assistance he should have derived from the Cherokees. I recommend the removal of this Company at least from their present locality. The force under Major Lemon is inadequate to do the work in the whole district, I have however

with a detachment of sixteen men from his Command (C.A.) under Lieut Crowder been able to keep any cotton from passing our lines from Yazoo landing to Ark County, a distance of 150 miles. but these are ack good picked men. and it shows what may be done by men disposed to do their duty. If this force had an authority to order the dispositions of the Squadron. there would be by Major Robinson Courtesy, & given any particular attention to that part of the line he could most expose

There are many reasons present to my mind, which I cannot give without speculating upon the character which does not pertain to duty. Major Robinson should be relieved or be confined to some other post

I think that the service would be materially benefitted by the withdrawal of Major Lennons Squadron from its present locality. If I had enough troops at my Command to withdraw him. I would send that Command on the Ark river, when they are not

<u>I shall acquainted</u>, Therefore I
have the honor to request that
the Genl at once assign some
troops to take Major Lawson's Men
, I remain respectfully Your most obt
Servt Signed Crosby. he ordered
it this duty [illegible] generally
the officer & men of that Regt and report
it as soon as possible.

Also have the honor to request
that Genl Lincoln order the 18 Mem
from Co. A Lawsons Squadron he
Continued detached, to apprehend me,
They have become so well acquainted
with their work. that their removal
would be a serious loss. They are all
honest diligent men, & perform
entrusted to their charge, Their strict
& proper conduct diligence &c.
& good, Cruel practices are Committed
& are unfortunately too frequent smuggling.
Gentlemen I write hurriedly, and
have no copies. Your must excuse & any
Errors not properly explained.

I am with great respect
Your obt Servt

H Pack Capt & Agt
acting for Eastern District

Monticello 24th Octo 1809.

Capt Polk. Capt Cotton dept yesterday for Orleans
Dr Sir.

I received this Instant your letter
of the 19th & purchased about 300 Dollars
Negociable for about 300 Dollars under
Stamp and sent Smith authority to the
Collector dated 18th Octo/09. & application to
Capt Polk for permit to bring it to the river
he says that the permits (under which you
say) must come from the Collector. I told
him that I understood your acceptance with
Smiths Endorsement of this order would
be sufficient authority for him to issue to
him & the vessel the permits necessary to get
the Cotton to the river. The Vessels from
whom I have purchased are employed
Mr to bring down with their Negroes
they have Teams and will haul all the
Cotton to the river, on payment of hauling,
he says then I cannot the transportation, I
will ask the Cotton on the river & pay that
is Not then in time, please direct Capt
Polk to issue the necessary permits for them
and authorise him to receive the Effects duty

on the people on both sides the roads on Dixie
and and with the regular authorities
and suppose we will get out a large
amount by the 1st inst.

Col Mallon I wish you to proceed
to the East County in a Strong light.
the have No force at this point. There
is Nothing to prevent the Yankee from and
Gen Canby to proceed a part of the
Regular forces at any time, and a Brig
might accompany the picked up by Col
Cotton. Gen Bragg & Gen Buckner at Mobile
Alabama. Mr Jackson from this side of the
Yankee River. It is very important that
a force of at least one Brig should
be stationed at this point while the
Cotton is passing to the river. It will prevent
any raid entering with our lines.

It is necessary that the necessary
support and protection should be given
to the Agt Comm to the furtherance of
our contract. Col Smith has fully known
our plans and I presume he will meet
the Treasury with promptness and
efficiency. Please communicate the promptness with
Capt Polk for the with. Yours truly

E. L Pollard

. as then is Dr Cowan to the first
if not further our powers if you
will authorise Col Fleming & Chalmers
& Cowan to bring forward the Cattle
allowed to in that Convention
respecting to Capt Peck as if passed
through the first place. &c

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Huntsville
Oct. 6th 1864

Captain C. C. Clark
Acting Ass't Adj't Gen'l.

Captain,

I made you an official report on the 4th inst. a long letter and sent by courier, but there has been so much confusion, from so many different sources, that I have had nothing from my Division Commander yet. His whereabouts I only know from hearsay. I have had nothing from my Division Commander since the 2nd inst. when I received his report of the operations of the 1st inst. and the last communication I received from him was dated Sept. 30th. I have had no official knowledge of the whereabouts of the Division since that date, but I suppose it is moving down the valley of the Shenandoah

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Allentiedg-ville
18th Sept 1846

J. M. Polk.
Corpus Christi.

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Referring to the esqr
of Cotton via the Alg
River - suggests the
extension of Col Belows
plan - The number
of bales in those Co's
now Corpus

Lieut. H.C. Cook
Sen. Scout

Monticello Sept 16. 1864

Captain,

Upon my arrival here I found great opposition to the arrangement made by Col L.H. Bolton. mainly growing out of a misconception of the arrangement and from a misstatement of Col Bolton in his anxiety to procure the highest price for the peoples Cattle, they attribute to him improper motives and even go so far as to accuse him of complicity with purchasers. This opposition is chiefly by persons who have no Cattle. Mr Parham & myself have explained matters until all are apparently satisfied and I have no doubt at all but all of them will carry into it cheerfully the Cattle. There is a public meeting here today and one tomorrow at Hamburg. I shall attend both and explain not only this arrangement but object of the Govt in taking possession

Rock the Cotton. As soon as
Cotton is Cotton. then use in the
New Loading of Bobby Burns & short
staple six thousand bale, of new
Cotton besides the growing Crop.
. In Regard Autumn & Winter pick
of Cotton. then we may open
100 thousand bale and above
Four thousand New Crop.
I think it Our Patriotic people of
New Country as black as Dutch
friends of the Gov't that the people
Should be furnished & Food, and
Cotton delay. If you would
Authorize me & Com (Schindler) over
if Taking Col Zellers appointment
as said.
Please Suggest this for
Cotton Reduced the same volume
in Cotton in this County as to
Negro delay. In the matter of the
Negro & the people & ship the
Cotton. Black Land might be saved
by Loading Now Peanuts found
for 30 many bales. If we need as
the Cotton is ready & ship the Cay

that will be occasioned by sending to Shemya from our Circumstances may be the cause of sending supplies &c this. Recommendations Reference And our Cotton Cards depend upon borrowing or buying from the Neighbours,

I Must to direct your attention especially to the urgent necessity of supplying Engine Stops & Valves &c for the Cotton. in Mercantile & known Firms Name Should be in the Invoices just now & dispose of these Cotton. and Power then the Mr. attend facilitating the Cotton this for the in the Gin. Kind Consignments Place the Security of Advances & Acc. Act. Purchasing Cotton. and Packing but respectfully Credit Invoices Mr. Mackie this Suggestion,

Two Cotton Gin Mills have adapted a new mode of Ginning our Cotton. By Dipping it

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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
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Report.

11th March 1864

Edw. H. Pomroy.

Cottons East of the

Ouachita River.

Report of the Condition of Cotton in the Parish of Morehouse pro-
duced by Or Young and agent under orders from
Major McKee

Names of Cellers	Shipping Point	No Bales		Remarks	
Baynard Turpin	Point Pleasant		66	Good Condition	
F. D. Davenport	do	20/41	61	Good Condition	
A. J. Worley	do		20	Good Condition	
A. Buford	do		6		
W H Vaughan	do	10/90	100	4 Bales Rope Injured	
Dr. W. L Clark	do		152	Good Condition	
T J Turpin	do		119	2 Bales Rope injured	Mr. T. Dead
N. F Woodburn adm	do		47	Good Condition	
W. Burnham	do		80	Good Condition	
Thomas Andrews	do		258	Good Condition	
J W. Carney	do		63	Good Condition	
Silbernagle Co	do	139/82	263	Good Condition	
D F Bell	do		93	Good Condition	
Saml Hardy	do		20		
C C Davenport	do	50/69	119	Good Condition	
M Levy & Co.	do		17	Good Condition	
Saml L Brown	do		63	Good Condition	
W. F Brown	do		121	Good Condition	
Wm C P Alford	do	30/46	76	Good Condition	
D T. Bitzer	do		20		
Warren Alford	do	100/311	411	Good Condition	
R D Haygatt	do		12	Good Condition	
Jamy Monette	do		50	Good Condition	
J C R. Taylor	do		34	Good Condition	
W A Parks	do		176	Good Condition	
W W. Bradford	do		147	2 Bags Rope injured	near Camp
D C Weeks	do		30	Good Condition	
J D Gibson	Land Grove		25	Good condition	
W. R. Lanier	Lick Grove		11	Good Condition	
		2695			

		26	95		
W A Daniel	Lbid Grove		27	Good Condition	
C A Christian	do		30	Good Condition	
W R Mayo	do		17	Good Condition	
L S Moore	do		33	Good Condition	
G W. Goodwin	do	53 60 55	188	Part in Bay + Rope but in Bonnay + Hoops bad order Nearly all must be retailed to this	
J A Warnock	do		48	Good Condition	
Dan McCrory	do		33	Good Condition	
A K Nabb	do	45 31	76	Good Condition	
Jas L Burton			60	Sold by Mrs B to Mr Curtis, executor	money in lieu of
R S Knox	his Landing		81	Good Condition	
Vernon Lilly	Lbid Grove		53	Good Condition	
D B. Douglass	his Landing		20	Good Condition	
Est D S Miller	his Landing		110	Good Condition	Washburn adm
Mrs T. Cammack	her Landing		62	Good Condition	
Est L L Moore	his Landing		93	Good Condition	D Newton adm
A. Foster	his Landing		51	Good Condition	
D. C Weatherby	his Landing		83	Good Condition	
Est D S Collier	his Landing		175	Good Condition	W Fee adm
Saml Johnson	Wells Landing		24	Good Condition	
D C Rotundo	his Landing		20		
D C Michie	Ft Pleasant		40	Says no Cab. not rec'd his bond.	
W. R. Ladditter	his Landing		79	Cancels the Cab in bonding into U bond	
W. H. Otterson	his Landing		43	Good Condition	
H M Polk	his Landing	60 55	115	Good Condition	
D S Knox	his Landing		59	Good Condition	
Est W. Montgomery	Miller's Landing		4		
Geo W. Kimbrough	State Line Landg		20	Good Condition	
A G. Blackman	do his Landing		360	Good Condition	
Mrs M A Wilson	do		20	Good Condition	
N. Overby	do		80	Good Condition	part in Cad
W C Bilbrey	do		50	in Cad	
E L Overby	his Landing		324	Good Condition	
P. A. Turner	State Line Landg		34	Good Condition	
W. H. Ward	his Landing		26	Good Condition	
Mrs. E. S. Sims	her Landing		82	Good Condition	
A. C Woods	Sims Landing		20	Good Condition	
D. S. Kelly	his Landing		34		
D B. Knotts	his Landing		104	Good Condition	
T M Sims	his Landing		22	Good Condition	
			5483		

The shipping points of the foregoing lots of Cotton are in Bayou Bartholemew

The Shipping Point for the following Lottery and on Bocuf River

J A Brigham	Point	Jefferson		11	Plant abandoned
J N. Williams		do		66	Good Condition
Geo W Duffee		do		101	Bad order Plant abandoned
Mrs W S Williams		do		15	
Margaret Davis		do		93	Bag & Rope injured near camp
Geo D Sharp		do		23	Good Condition Plant abandoned
C S Statch		do		92	Bad order Plant abandoned
Rice A Foster		do	57 27	84	Bad order Plant abandoned
G. W Gordon		do	24 2 5 28	355	Good Condition
N. A. Eadon		do		23	nearly destroyed Mr E dead
D. E. Tucker		do		22	Good Condition Plant abandoned
Jackson Smith		do		40	Good Condition Plant abandoned
Jones B Askew		do		27	Bad order Plant abandoned
A. J Pipes		do		6	Good Condition
C T. Barton		do		9	Plant abandoned
D J Beauchamp		do		63	Good Condition
W F Vickery		do		22	
J D & D V. Larkin		do	92 166	258	Bag & Rope injured near Camp
C W. Eadon		do		20	Good Condition
R. W. Statch		do		33	Good Condition Plant abandoned
J. A Tucker		do		309	Good Condition Plant abandoned
J N. Adams		do		30	Good Condition
C A. Gordon		do		90	Good Condition
Tobe Williams		do		52	Good Condition
R E. Phillips		do		37	Good Condition
C Higginbotham		do		30	Good Condition
J A R. Williams		do	36 25	61	Bad Order Plant abandoned
W Bowman		do		35	Good Condition Plant Abandoned
W. Sandlin		do		89	Good Condition
L L. McGowan		do		2	
V. Johnson		do		3	
James Hart		do		264	Good Condition Object to Dale has not Bad
J F. Buck		do		21	Good Condition
			2	18	

		2378	
Harriem Durad	Point Jefferson	136	Rope & Box injured Move Camp
D B. Chapman	do	33	Good Condition
W S. Myers	do	24	Good Condition
C. Cleveland	do	20	
C R. Balfour	his Landing	57	Bad order Plant abandoned
N. S. Smith	his Landing 20/50	150	Bad order Plant abandoned
Ruth Rains	his Landing	161	Good Condition
S. A. A. Strain	Scotts Landing 25/6	102	Bad order Plant abandoned
L. Scott	his Landing	15	Good Condition
L C. Gibbin	his Landing	58	
N. Jourdan	his Landing 22/40	279	Bad order Plant abandoned
Johnson Jourdan	his Landing 42/67	25	Good Condition
A. D Russell	his Landing	8	
C N. Dabbs	his Landing	26	Good Condition
J L & A. Wynn	their Landing	18	
W. D. Satterfield	Ferd the Raid	22	left gone to the Yankees
Mrs E. Tigner	Don Landing	58	Good Condition Plant abandoned
J C. Burt	do	11	Good Condition
L T. Harris	do	35	Good Condition Plant abandoned
Ralf Barrow	do	24	Bad order
W I. Morrison	do	75	Bad order
Dell Webb	Rail Road	109	4 miles fr B. River in Bad order
J W A. Biggs	Ferd the Raid	64	Bad order
W. H Compton		15	Sent to Monroe
W C Tate	Ft. Jefferson	49	
Dell Ellington	his Landing	46	
		3798	

Monroe March 10 / 864

The Cotton on Bayou Bartholemew are generally well taken Care of and are under Dry Houses or good Shelters. Whenever they are moved Rope and a portable press should be provided to replace ropes that are destroyed. Much Cotton will be saved thereby

If it is the policy of the Government to preserve the Cotton arrangement should be immediately made to provide and repair Shelter for a large portion of the Cotton on Bayou Bœuf River

It is rapidly going to destruction the Shelters have been much injured by Storms, many plantations are abandoned, and Stock have free access to it. It is impossible to get labor in the Spot. An efficient man who is acquainted with the country with from 4 or five negroes a wagon and tools should be employed for the purpose. I would recommend Mr E D. Overby of Livingston as a Suitable person Respectfully Your Ob Servt

E. H. Gray

2nd April 1864

13 & 18

Mrs. Eliz. S. Powell

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In regard to the purchase of Sec. Cotton by Mr Cuttiff—

Cotton Bureau.

Shreveport 4th Apl 1864

Respy referred to Maj J. T. Baldwin for his information with the request that he return it to this office.

U. A. Brownell

Lt Col

C. S. Cotton Purchasing Agency

Shreveport April 5th 1864.

Respectfully returned as requested with enclosed copies of original certificates and receipts on file in this office.

Miss Cuttiff & Elstner have agreed to be present at my office, at 5 O'clock this evening and explain their agency in this transaction. J. T. Baldwin Maj

Lieut. U. A. Brownell
Asst Qr. Mr. Bureau

C.S. Purch. Agt.

at Plantation April 2d 1864

Col Broadwell

Sir

In reply to your letter to me of March 31st in relation to my Cotton, can say, that about sept & oct last Mr Lentliff came to my place & examined my Cotton several times & refused to purchase on acc of it's being too badly damaged & not suitable for the Government.

On the latter part of Nov or first of December he came again & purchased all of my Cotton (two hundred & seventy bales I think) at forty dollars per bale for Mr Mr Sally - nothing had been done to the Cotton since he first refused it. - Condition the same — The Cotton was repaired temporarily after the Sale to Mr Sally - but not much

Eliz. S. Powell

1378

"I hereby transfer Two hundred
Sixty eight bales (268) of the
within named cotton to the
Order of the Secretary of the
Treasury or his agents or
assigns of the Confederate
States of America free of
Expence Dec 21st 1863

(signed) Martin Talley

Copy

"Received of Martin Sally by the hands of R A Cuttiff Eight hundred & twenty four Dollars 68/100. being the balance in full for two hundred & seventy two Bales of Cotton sold him now at my Landing under Cover of good shutter which is subject to his order by his paying One hundred Dollars, for care, attention & steerage - Dec 26th 1863, "

(Signed) Elijah S Powell

Copy

EP

268. 132088 lbs

County or Parish of Caddo
Shreveport P.O. State of Louisiana Dec 21. 1863
268 Bales aggregate weight. 132088 lbs
@19½ ¢. 25757.16 loss allowed Mrs
Powell for Storage & care not

I hereby Certify that the within named Cotton has been examined, weighed and Marked by me; and that its character ranks according to the commercial scale as "low Middling" and that the weights and marks are as described in the margin, the Cotton being in good Merchantable Order, and safely stored in a Covered building.

You will therefore deliver to said Martin Sally or his assigns, upon the delivery to you of this Certificate, and upon receipt to you in the manner and form prescribed by law the sum of, Twenty five thousand seven hundred & fifty seven 16/100 Dollars, (less 10¢ to be paid Mrs Powell) as Storage in Treasury Notes, proceeds of said 268 Bales Cotton

To Ulger Lanne
Agent. Confederate States
Shreveport La.

(Signed) J. C. Elstner.

Copy

"Delivery at the usual shipping point of the planter"

"State of Louisiana
County or Parish of Caddo
Shreveport P.O. Dec 21st 63

"The undersigned having sold the Confederate States of America 268 Bales of Cotton now deposited at Mrs Powells Landing on the Basis of 30¢ per Orleans Middling ~~Cotton~~ payment of which he agrees to receive in Treasury Notes, Obligates himself to transfer Mrs Powells receipt for the same at his own expence at her landing in the State of Louisiana to the order of the Secretary of the Treasury, or his agents, or their assigns

(Signed) Newton Talley

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Shreveport 8th Mch 1864.

Capt H. P. Pratt. A.A.G.

1580

Directing Col W.A.B examine Contract of Newell Saturno & co.

1163

If the Govmt. had contracted agent, the stores called for in this contract could be procured - Without passing entirely the Jurisdiction that the Constructing officer of 30 Regt - on the Pleasant Bayou. By leaving the, difference between the price the cotton should be made to bring & the Price, ~~the Govt~~ the Contractors allow for it. The principal objection to the Contract is that Colo.

to the execution
of this contract
was material to
the purpose of the
of the Contracting
claimed that the
cotton was not
delivered to them
on the Texas Grounds
They showed
allowed the transportation
in cotton -
about cotton bought
to Boston contracting
is inserted & known
applied to bales
Goods at Boston
shipped - Cotton
Cotton was
Englishe
+ shown
to the Court
to do so except
Regularly the Cotton
of 20
to get the
of the

is deliverable on the
Rio Grande Volume
was begun with Gal
sit. + account of the
the insufficient
Treasury - to meet
the demands of
upon the Texas
Hard & Hutchins Hutchins
Judge shall that
Court of
for the execution of
the Contracts -
proviso that
sufficient for
of Quality of
Cotton - that
Cotton Rio Grande
the Gainesville -
disagreed Board
him to furnish
much Additional
to pay for
Regularly - the application

No 217

Hd Qrs Trans Miss. Dept.
Shreveport La. Mch. 8th 1864

Colonel

The Lieut. Genl. Comdg directs that you will, in conection with Maj. W. H. Haynes Chief of Clothing Bureau, carefully examine the enclosed Contract, and report upon its advantages or disadvantages, giving the reasons, if any exist, why it should not be fully carried out.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt
W. P. Prado
A. A. Genl

Lt Col. W. A. Broadwell
Chief of Cotton Dept.
Trans- Miss Dept.

Office Dy C.G. 2. Mil
Canada. Forts
Nov 8th 1864.

Capt J. K. P. Pritchard
Dist 2. 2d Mil. Dist No 1.

In relation to purchase
of Grain Sacks —

Referred to Capt Black
for action —

✓
Rec'd Nov 10th 1864

Camden Ark 3. 1864

Major:

I am told by parties from the Mass River. that any quantity of "gunny bags" can be gotten out at about 75 ct. to 1^{co} pay-able in Cotton.. and if it meets your approbation - I would suggest that the Treasury Dep.t be instructed. to make some purchases for our Bureau - as we cannot, it appears be supplied from any other source - at least my requisition has not been filled. They cannot be bought for Confederate money. I have tried that, and as I am informed. that the agents of the Treasury are selling the cotton for money. it certainly would be a good idea, to supply ourselves in this way. - The

sacks. (or cloth) cannot be delivered
there & sent back to you. after
receiving our proportion of what
is needed received. — These remarks
apply also to stationery. — I make
the suggestion for what it is
worth. and if you approve
the plan. I think Judge Gray
would put the cotton in
the hands of his agents. to
buy for cash. — No news.
Richmond safe. — Forest had
another fight. Taking 800 prisoners
& killing as many more. It is
said our new base will be at
Corinth. — I cannot get any
papers or would send you some.

Yrs truly
H O Pritchard
Capt A Q M

New Iberia Nov 15/64

3-82

L. Pubroca

676

has arrived at New
Iberia La

Manchac Depy
December 7/64

Respectfully refd. to Lt Col Lee
Provost Marshal, Mrs Dalcour
Boy described to be sent
to the Cotton Bureau
for accept to duty -

W. W. Black
Capt Vet

E. B.
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New Iberia La. Nov 15th 1864

Capt W. C. Black
Acting Chf Cotton Bureau
Shreveport La.

Captain

In compliance with instructions of the 7th inst; I have the honor to inform you of my arrival at this point

Respy
Your Obt Svt
E. Cutrer
First Agt

Eagle Pass 13th Jan 1864

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Putnam & Henderson

to

Lt Col R Broadwell

Enclosing business Cards—

Soliciting business &c

Eagle Pass, Texas, Jany 15th 1864

Col W A A Broadwell
Houston
Texas

Dear Sir

Herewith, we take the liberty of tendering you our card, & informing you, that we are candidates for business, & respectfully soliciting your patronage and favorable recommendation with your friends.

Our arrangements have been made with a view to permanency, or at least as long as this route is kept open.

We were engaged in business at Brownsville, & had charge of receiving & shipping the 2d % cotton taken by Major Rufel, & can refer you to him for information as to the faithful performance of our duties.

If entrusted with either your private, or any public interest, we feel confident of subserving it successfully, as we have associates in Monterey, Matamoras, & at Boca del Rio, & each partner gives to the business his immediate personal attention, & we pledge ourselves to the most prompt & faithful attention to business & the interest of our constituents. Any of your favors will be highly appreciated.

We remain Very Respty Your Obt Servts
Putnam & Henderson

1585

Jno C. Ransom Capt A.A.G.M.

San Antonio, Dept. Septbr 1st 1864.

2259

Encloses a list of outstanding debts contracted by Maj. S. Hart.

Explanation regarding his Counsel, after receiving orders & letter Maj. S. Hart A.A.G.M.

Mailed Septbr 2nd 1864

S. A. M. Office
San Antonio Sept 1st 1864

Lt. Col. A. G. Woodhull
Chf. Cotton Bureau

Sir;

I have the honr to acknowledge the rect of your communication of the 28th Augt. and in reply beg leave to make the following Statement in regard to (as you seem to think) my neglect of official courtesy. The order directing me to relieve Maj Nash was never sought or expected by me and when I received it I knew not that I would be subject to the orders of any one save the Genl Commanding the Dept as my orders were Signed by him. According to Genl Smith's Verbal instructions received through you I waited on him in the City of Houston in person to receive as I supposed instructions to guide my future Actions. Those instructions were to proceed to San Antonio and relieve Maj Nash receipting to him for all Govt property funds etc. etc. that he might have on hand. This embraces my entire instructions from Genl Smith. He has directed me to report to you and

receive further instructions from you I should certainly have called on you before I left Austin. Having been informed that Maj Davis order from the War Department placed him in a position independent of the "Cotton Bureau" and these being no orders issued from Dept HQ Dis Modifying or revoking the order under which he was acting I as his Successor was bound to carry out the instructions previously issued to him. I am of the opinion that it is useless to have two organizations for the accomplishment of one object and if I am to continue to receive and forward Cotton I think it would be well for an order to be issued from Dept HQ Dis directing me to report to you as Chf of the "Cotton Bureau"

It has ever been my desposition to act in a manner that would tend to advance the interest of our Common Cause to the greatest advantage and in this particular instance I am more than anxious to act in concert with other Agents of the Government engaged in Similar transactions to those confided

the no. As regards the amount of Specie that I will require to carry out my instructions I can only say that if I can have exclusive control of all of the Cotton pertaining to this Route Service I can realize Sufficient funds to pay all of this outstanding debts (which as his successor I feel bound to do) And have a considerable sum remaining on hand

Enclosed I beg leave to hand you Copy of his outstanding debts at Matamoras. As to the parties to whom I am to consign the Cotton both at the intermediate and ultimate destination I can only say All I wish is that it may be forwarded and disposed of to the very best advantage for the Govt. I think the cash liabilities of this Route should be payed with as little delay as possible and I desire to dispose of the cotton now en route for Matamoras for that purpose.

I am Colo[nel]
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Jno. L. Ransom
Capt. & A. Q. M.

Matamoras Jany 20th 1865

Capt John C Kamsom

1086

Advising of receipt order from Brig Gen Slaughter to retain 150 Bales cotton subject to his (Gen S) order.

file

S. Mahayney Esq. Atty 21/15
St. Bar. N. Y. Woodruff
Ch. Collins Farm
Shubsort La

Sir Upon direction, I have the Honor to Advise you of a Communication just received by Wm Jam Esq Clerk Supreme Ct. Kings. I am instructed by said Clerk that he has addressed a Communication to Geo Smith asking that I may be ordered to turn over upon his order the Number of Sales of Collins Specified in the enclosed Communication. Should Geo Smith issue the order asked for upon receipt of a Certificate from Wm Jam Esq Clerk Supreme Ct. Kings that he has received the Settlement of Wm Nicks Estate and paid the Clerks Fees in a day or two will commence turning over Collins on the Claims Entitled. Yours will be returned 3 or 4 Sales remaining in hand after paying Wm Nicks Fees —

Very

There are very few Days of active Campaigning to Hog Raisers' Service, Now in the Summer and Fall of the Year when I am at Home for Months or Six Weeks I will be enabled to Clear up the business

Yours Truly
Wm Kennedy
Capt. Co. G. 11th

#185 Hd Qrs West Sub Dist. Texas.
Brownsville Jany 18th 1865

Capt. Jno. C. Paxson
A. A. A. G.

Capt —

Brig Genl S. G. Staughton directs that you retain at least (150) One Hundred and fifty Bales of the Cotton which will remain on hand after Settlement of debts of Hay Hart Subject to his (Genl Staughtons) order.

You will under no circumstances dispose of or Prerogue to consult talcum with him.

I am Capt
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
(Signed) E. H. Aldrich
A. A. A. G.

A True Copy
Jno. C. Paxson
Capt. & A. A. G.

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Sandusky City Jany 20/65

Capt John C. Kinsman.

Returning to 36 Bales Cotton
belonging to Davis Hewitt & Lemon
taken from Rebel Privateer
Wm. Sanders.

arm Steamers, that the Amount
agreed to within is the 36
Bales exported to you last Spring
by me, in this and Canada to
in charge of a Mr Field who
informed me that the Cotton was
C S Govt property, it was daily
damaging & that he could procure
no Transportation to send it off
and requested me to take charge

what further steps I shall take in the premises

W H Barnet
Capt R.A. 3rd

R

Maj' S Nairn

Letter in reference to Cotton turned over by Mr Field to Capt W H Barnet R.A. 3rd

Respectfully referred to Lt Brandrell for his information with remarks. That the Cotton referred to within is the 36 Bales reported to you last Spring by me, in this and Panola Co in charge of a Mr Field who informed me that the Cotton was C S Govt property, it was daily damaging & that he could procure no transportation to send it off and requested me to take charge of & send same forward for Govt use, I did the Cotton as Govt property, sent it forward for Govt use. & reported it on my return as having been rec'd from Mr Field agt for Maj' S Nairn & proposed to execute my Offl Report.

Calling your attention to the latter portion of within letter. I respectfully ask

(over)

Sandridge 15th May 2nd/65
Capt Dahlgren & Kansas.

Returning 1 36 Bale Cotton
Referring to Maj Genl Dennis
take Possession
Wm Sanders Quartermaster

Office Asst Quartermaster
San Antonio Tex January 20th 1865.

Captain

Your communication of the 7th inst rec'd. In reply I would state. That the Cotton referred to, is for the specific purpose of settling claims, contracted for by my predecessor Maj. Hart. and that, unless ordered otherwise. I cannot transfer the Cotton you have taken possession of.

I have no doubts about the validity of your Offal Receipts but must decline the transfer for the above reasons.

Mr. Fields had no authority from Major Hart or myself to turn the Cotton over to you.

I am Capt
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
J. Hart
Major & Q. M.
for John C. Ransom
Capt & A. Q. M.

Capt. H. W. Barrett
A. Q. M. &
Chf of Transportation
Dist No —
Henderson, Texas

Paris Texas 5th May 64

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James Reed Esq

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Offering Cumine &
Opium to be paid for
in Cotton

May 5th 1864
Paris Texas

Col. Broadwell

I have a lot of Quinine & opium on hand which I offer for exempt cotton. I have been directed to apply to you Be so good as to write me immediately if You want these articles. I would prefer the cotton in this county or west of this.

Yours Truly

James Reed

Jefferson Judge 8th 1865

John Reed 389.

1058

Regarding editorials in "Republican" & "Bulletin"

File

Col. W. A. Bramhall

Jeffman Texas Feb 8th 1865

My dear Col

Yours with various enclosures rec'd in reasonable time. I expected the Marshall man to come back. And with the papers you sent me I was ready to melt the woman in his bones and have obtained your papers until now, to respond - I am pleased to see however, he has prudently refrained from a rejoinder.

The Editor of the Bulletin told me yesterday of an distinguished individual congratulating him upon the manner in which he (the Editor) had "laid it on the (his) daughing" the Editor of the Marshall Republican. I have, with silent gratification, heard several conversations relations to the article I think (my wish may be like fathers always father to the thought) that

Jefferson Editorial has done you no prejudice — I trust however that hereafter we shall have no more of it as my officious (but friendly) intermeddling subjected you to the annoyance

You must let the affair rest, & when it next comes, say nothing to the Marshall men; you have him at a disadvantage with the reading reflecting men. Be satisfied —

As desired I have written autumn papers, and given my declarations of the friendship with which I continue —

Yours Truly
Jno Rind

Col W. A. Broadwell

Jefferson Editorial
Thomas Jefferson
1058
Jno Rind
Publisher
"Gazette"
1765

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Jefferson Jan 27th 1868

John Reid

1028

Relation to paragraphs in "Bulletin" and "Republican"

Jefferson Texas Jan 27th 1865

My dear Colo

The Article which I annex to
-appear has taken from the Houston
Telegraph was introduced by some editor-
-ial remarks which have formed the
occasion, but really not the grounds
of a venomous assault upon you. I
have an idea that a certain con-
-tractor's presence in Marshall had
something to do with this Marshall
editors article.

I endow you herewith a very mild
response to the attack. The Editor
of the Publication
x not being posted as to facts and
Bingo not being himself confident
of his own understanding being the
correct one, This is the best under the
circumstances that could be produced

I dont know what you would like
to have done, Nor do I know who
or what this inatimial of the Marshall
man
x is, you will most probably deem
him unworthy of notice — But the
Editor of the Bulletin thought it
due to himself that this explica-
-tion should go forth — And in order
to satisfy him and with the hope
of benefitting you it is published —

If you want any thing done up here
speak and you shall be obeyed

Col W.A. Maddox Your Friend Jno R. Rid-

Jeff Chapman 13 Jan 1820 Ft Norfolk

Maj Jno Reid —

Private letter,

filed Dec 20

Jeffinson Texas Nov 30th 1864

Colonel

Reading in a Houston paper a very complimentary notice of you, extracted from The Henderson Journal reminds me of my neglect, to thank you for the agreeable acquaintance of Maj Rusk - The brief stay of the Maj in Jeffinson was not sufficient to allow me, to extend to him, such civilities as my hampered home affords I found him a genial gentleman; apparently well understanding the internal, and external working, of your Bramman. which he partially explained to me - I was gratified to learn from him that the General commanding, places a proper estimate upon your services — which the receipt order transferring the seaption, of King Cotton to the Treasury Dpt. enabled you to declare was not the case heretofore

The paper which I have just read, only corroborates what my eyes have seen, what I have said, that through the agency of your Bramman, the arrays

of the Trans Miss Dpt, are enabled to meet the inclement season approaching — Define the soldiers to morrow of the substantial apparal, and other indis-pensible articles you have caused to be furnished, and 5000 bayonets will not point the invaders backward when 50,000 bristle to meet him now

I do not know, what the Treasury Dpt can do with the Cotton, It may bring abundant supplies of Gov. & Com's goods — yet this fact is plainly visible to manufacturing soldiers (and doubtless from what I hear, has soaked into the top of somebody else's head) that the Cotton Org. itself, under the present management "Has done the State some service" — Could the General Commanding maintain an army in the field this winter without the supplies you have brought in; NO — every body answers NO, with an emphasis that I talk with — This is why the change — Oh, some dumned dog has been discovered stealing the proceeds of a few Bales — Well what if he has, He was a thief any how, what is the diffference if a thousand, or ten thous-

-and, or a hundred thousand, or even
a million bales, of cotton have
been carried out by secondnl; with-
-dut authority, desired from Dpt
Hd qurs or by agents of the Cotton
Bureau, Has not the latter, by its
action and faithful management's
brought clothing, and blankets & shoes
to the Camp fires that blaze protect
-ingly all around the western borne-
-dom of Cottondom - without which not
only the ensuing stock on hand
but the very soil which produces
it would be, ere the planting season
returns, lost to its present profitless
possessor -

Enough of this - I only meant to
thank you for an agreeable acquain
-tance - and to say it was with no
affected pleasure, I learned, from ad-
-ministration of "the Bureau" was
at Hd qurs pronounced a success
. I would be very glad, indeed, to
see you in Jefferson and to intro
-duce you to Mrs Reid - Your friend
Maj Thomas sometimes talks of
coming here, Cant you come when
he does and take a hunt
Col W.A. Broadwell { Your Friend
Jno Reid

P.S. When you meet Schoonmaker, please give him my compliments, and tell him if he knew how much I enjoyed that Republican he would certainly forward another

J. W. R.

Little Rock 13 9 11 24th June 63

3 hrs 6. Reynolds

Private. Little Rock, Ark. 11th June 1863.

Dear Sir:

I charged Col. Waldo P. Johnson to explain to you orally, if he met you in Shreveport, my ideas in full in offering you the position of Quartermaster General of Mo. As you would, (if you accept it,) no longer be a Confederate officer, there would be no impropriety in your making contracts with the Confederate government, and my plan is that you should become de facto, as contractor & Quartermaster Genl, the manager of all army materiel in the T. M. Dept. Once in Mo, I intend to stop, with the halter if necessary, all plunder of Unionists, but levy contributions on them through the quartermaster's department, and pay off our State debt by thus supplying the C. S. army. This work will require an administrative genius such as I believe you to have, combined with a stern sense of justice that in levying moderate regular fixed contributions will oppress no man. In the immense patronage this position would give, if we occupy any portion of Mo, of much extent, I expect to have a voice only so far as may be necessary to protect great public interests.

I remain, Dear Sir,

very truly yours

Lt. Col. W. A. Broadwell, Thos. C. Reynolds

HEADQUARTERS MISSOURI STATE GUARD.
CAMDEN, ARK., 27th May, 1863.

MILITARY GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 1.

[EXTRACT.]

In carrying out the provisions of section 65, of the act "to provide for the organization, government and support of the military forces of the State of Missouri," approved 14th May, 1861, the following organization of the staff department is announced. * * * * * * * * * * *

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IV. Pending a vacancy in the office of Adjutant General, and during any absence of the Adjutant General from the Governor's headquarters, the senior Aid-de-Camp of the Governor present at headquarters, and in active service, shall officiate as Acting Adjutant General, but without additional rank, pay or other compensation, on account of his so officiating.

V. The Commissary General shall, pending a vacancy in the office of Quarter Master General, officiate as acting Quarter Master General, but without additional rank, pay or other compensation on account of his so officiating.

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THOS. C. REYNOLDS,
Governor and Commander-in-chief Missouri State Guard.

HEADQUARTERS MISSOURI STATE GUARD.
CAMDEN, ARK., 27th May, 1863.

MILITARY GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 2.

The following appointments by the Governor in the Missouri State Guard are announced for general information, the officers appointed to take rank from the dates set opposite their respective names: To be Aid-de camp to the Governor for the 9th Military District, with the rank of Colonel, John W. Polk, 2d February, 1863. To be Aid-de-camp to the Governor for the 5th Military District, with the rank of Colonel, James H. R. Cundiff, 22d April, 1863. To be Commissary General, with the rank of Colonel, Richard M. Stith, 19th March, 1863. To be Paymaster General, with the rank of Colonel, James T. Thornton, 19th March, 1863.

THOS. C. REYNOLDS,
Governor and Commander-in-chief Missouri State Guard.

HEADQUARTERS MISSOURI STATE GUARD,
CAMDEN, ARK., 30th May, 1863.

MILITARY GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 3.

I. All officers and soldiers of the Missouri State Guard who may now be in actual service otherwise than under an order issued by the Governor since the first day of January last, are hereby relieved from such service.

II. The execution of the conscription act within Missouri having been suspended by the President of the Confederate States, the attention of the friends of the Confederate cause in the State, is called to the proviso of the Act of Congress of Sept ember 27th, 1862, amending the conscription act as follows:

"*Provided*, That the President is authorized to suspend the execution of this act, or the act to which this is an amendment, in any locality where he may find it impra-

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ticable to execute the same, and that *in such locality*, and during said suspension, the President is authorized to receive troops into the Confederate service, under any of the acts passed by the Confederate Congress prior to the passage of the act to provide further for the public defense, approved sixteenth April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two."

Troops can thus be raised in Missouri to enter the Confederate service; but without an order of the Governor, no officer of the Missouri State Guard will call out any force or order any officer or soldier into actual service, for recruiting or otherwise. Section 167 of the Missouri Military act of 14th May, 1861, prohibits armed bodies not regularly organized and mustered into service according to law.

III. The conscription officers of the Confederate States, are requested rigidly to enforce the conscription laws on all citizens of Missouri within the localities not exempted from the operation thereof, accordidg to law, but with a strict regard to the legal rights of such citizens, in certain cases, to select the companies into which they shall be placed.

IV. As soon as the Board of Commissioners under the Defense Bonds act shall have signed and delivered to the Paymaster General of the Missouri State Guard a sufficient quantity of such bonds, but not later than the fifteenth day of the ensuing month, he will commence the settlement of all lawful claims, including those transferred by the original holders, for service as an officer or soldier of the Missouri State Guard, where such officer or soldier has been discharged from service, either in the State Guard or in the provisional army of the Confederate States, on account of wounds or sickness, or is at the time of payment in the military service of the Confederate States. The Paymaster General will select places at or near the respective camps of the Missouri soldiers, and there make his payments. He will, as far as practicable, give notice in advance to the commanding officers, announcing the day when he will commence payments, and will request such notice to be communicated to the command. Claims not held by Confederate officers or soldiers, will, for the present, be paid at Little Rock.

V. The Commissary General and Acting Quartermaster General of the Missouri State Guard, will prepare to proceed to Little Rock, to settle claims against the State of Missouri, at an early day, to be announced in future general orders.

VI. Notice is given that an officer will accompany the Paymaster General to deliver to the parties entitled thereto, the militaty commissions issued by the late Governor of the State.

VII. These general orders, paragraphs IV and V, of general orders No. 1, and general orders No. 2, of the present year, will be published in the newspapers of Little Rock.

By order of the Governor and Commander in chief,

J. H. R. CUNDIFF,
Aid-de-camp and Acting Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS MISSOURI STATE GUARD,
CAMDEN, ARK., 30th May, 1863.

MILITARY GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 4.

I. It having been reported to the Commander-in-chief, that spies and imposters have availed themselves of the similarity between the Confederate uniform and that of the Missouri State Guard, in order to carry on evil practices, no officer of the Missouri State Guard, not in the military service of the Confederacy or some State thereof, will wear his uniform, except when in actual service as such officer. All persons having knowledge of any disobedience of this order, by any officer of the Missouri State Guard, are requested to report the same to the Adjutant General, in order that charges may be preferred against the offender.

II. These general orders will be published in the newspapers of Little Rock.

By order of the Governor and Commander-in-chief,

J. H. R. CUNDIFF,
Aid-de-camp and Acting Adjutant General.

TO THE CREDITORS OF MISSOURI.

The governorship of the State of Missouri unexpectedly devolved on me in December last, and the fact was unknown to me until late in that month. On my recovery from a protracted severe illness in February last, my attention was mainly devoted to the perfection of measures, for the ultimate recovery of the State, whereby the exiles of Missouri may be restored to their homes, and the State government to the possession of those revenues indispensable in meeting the demands of its creditors.

On my way to Little Rock, I found at this place most of the records of the State, and instructing the officers to meet me here, I at once commenced an examination of the condition of its finances. This will be pursued thoroughly and laboriously; and as soon as the officers, now scattered at various places in Arkansas and Texas, can be assembled, their undivided attention, and my own, as far as possible, will be devoted to the preparation of financial plans, looking to the discharge *in full, at the earliest practicable period, of all obligations of the State*.

But it is just to all concerned to announce, in advance, the main principles which will guide those plans. Although believing that the present war will be a long one, I have always had, and still have, an abiding confidence in the final recovery of the State. In that event, the acts of every officer will unquestionably undergo a rigid scrutiny by a General Assembly, representing not only the few of us who are now in exile, but the whole people of Missouri; and even in the darkest hour he should remember that the day of final triumph to the rest of our citizens, will be also for him the time when he must render an account of his stewardship. No payment of money should be made except by authority of law and in such a form that it can sustain that scrutiny. Where parties are unable to show strict conformity with the laws and regulations, the utmost powers of the executive will be exerted to afford relief to equitable claimants, or to facilitate the preservation of evidence of their demands, so that a future General Assembly, or the Confederate Congress, in cases in which the Confederacy is ultimately liable, may apply the proper remedy. When no relief can be afforded, the parties should reflect that the powers of the officers are limited, and held in trust for the whole people of Missouri; the responsibility for the loss of their demands is on themselves for negligence, or on the persons using the name of the State without warrant, and against such persons the laws will doubtless afford a legal remedy.

The current funds in the State treasury are wholly inadequate to meet at once all just claims against it. Some general comprehensive system must be devised, either restoring the credit of the State, or settling who are to be its temporarily preferred creditors. The fact that the Confederate State are ultimately liable for most, if not all, the military expenses of the State, should greatly assist in obtaining the former result. If preferences must be made, the private soldier who has been discharged on account of wounds or sickness should be first paid, and next, those who are still undergoing the dangers and hardships of actual service.

But to do justice as far as possible to all, the system of payment should be maturely considered, and properly guarded to prevent the exhaustion of the treasury in paying one class of claims, while some of a class equally deserving preference may go unsatisfied. It is desired that any scramble for payment shall be prevented, and no creditor be led to apprehend that the last comer will go away empty handed.

Where payments are to be made, the disbursing officer will be sent to the troops, or to some point convenient for the claimants, and notice of the time and place of payment will be given. Regulations will also be made and published, apprizing creditors of the order in which their claims will be classed, (if some claims are to be preferred to others,) and the mode for settling them.

Claimants will only uselessly consume their own time and that of the officers, in urging individual preferences, or in importuning for payment before the officers are organized or instructed in regard to the system to be followed. No unnecessary delay will occur in issuing instructions for resuming payments.

It is also intended to insist on the most rigid economy, strict accountability, and laborious industry, in the management of the monetary and other affairs of the State. No officers will be called into active service unless indispensable in the proper conduct of business. While the State treasury should not be so emptied as to prevent a cautiously liberal expenditure to forward, both directly and indirectly, the one great object of the Missourians, the recovery of the State, the expenses of the State government will be reduced as far as possible, in order that the means of satisfying the claimants against the State may be undiminished.

THOS. C. REYNOLDS,
Governor of Missouri.

CAMDEN, ARK., May 27, 1863.

Alexandria 25th June 1863.
Thos. C. Reynolds
Gov of Missouri
Answered
July 3rd 1863

To Alexandria La 25th June 1863.

His Excellency

Thomas C Reynolds

Gov of Missouri

Dear Sir, On the eve of leaving I have the [illegible] to acknowledge yr letter of the 11th and [illegible] my grateful acknowledgments for the [illegible]

Alexandria 25th June 1863.
Ex. Gov. Reynolds
Mo.
Duplicate
Via Shreveport

To Alexandria La 25th June 1863.

His Excellency
Thomas C Reynolds
Gov of Missouri

Dear Sir, On the eve of leaving I have the to acknowledge yr letter of the 11th and to tender my grateful acknowledgements for the prompt manner as also for the complimentary terms in which you pleased to refer to my public services. If I felt that my capacity were equal to the expectations you have formed it would be a matter of regret to me that I am not at liberty to accept your offer. My resignation has been returned from Richmond in more than one instance "not accepted" and of this were not the case I could not at the moment abandon from personal considerations my present engagement. I must therefore respectfully decline the appointment. If however you meet with no one better suited than myself to the very grave and responsible duties of the office, before I am at liberty I shall with pleasure place my services at your disposal; and there are developments to take place within 30 to 60 days involving issues of the greatest importance moment in this war. I refer to the Valley of the Miss valley the loss of which may serve for a time our conviction with the Genl Govmt and perhaps lose to the Confederacy the Trans Miss Dept. 30 days more (on scant rations) will consume the provisions of Ft Burg; without extraneous relief in days and fed and mumbered - although the means of resistance may be increased if the Garrison are animated by that heroism which the whole country has a right to expect and look for. Genl Johnston is reported moving to the rescue it is believed he will prove that there are other elements than numerical strength in

determining the result of a contest - but if our forces under him are successful then the seige can only be prolonged by provisions from this side, which should be sworn across in the shape of Beef, if the military resources of the Dept are sufficient to open the way to the river - Unfortunately this has been decided by all the Generals to whom I have presented it as "impracticable". Beeves in large numbers have been crossed at Natchez but it may be impossible to send them to either "Pemberton" or "Gardenii". Some appear to think that a movement on the part of Genl Lee will create a division in our favor; they are relying upon Genl Price to cut off Grants communication with Memphis. I hope for the best but fear the worst. Our government is too far off - the west has been neglected - If it were located more centrally its influence would radiate and become more generally diffused throughout the Confederacy - the importance of Vicksburg, Port Hudson and Berwick Bay would have been felt - and their safety provided for. Now it is the Federals may soon claim that the backbone of the rebellion has been broken - holding Vicksburg the Miss Valley would force the west to recognize the strength of Secession, and acknowledge it and accomplish more towards gaining our independance than all those brilliant victories on Virginia's soil.

I leave for New Iberia but would be pleased to find a letter from you on my return.

Very Respt

Yr obt Svt

W. H. Broadnax
Lt Col C.S.

Jackson Feb 11th 1862

Thos C. Reynolds
Gov Missouri

Referring to the Missouri
State offices

(Copy)

Jackson Miss. 11th April 1862.

Colonel:

I am much obliged by your letter of this morning. As a balance remains unexpended of the fund voted to Missouri in 1861, I would be glad if you would draw that balance out of the Confederate treasury and pay it over to me. As we advance into Missouri that balance, applied to the uses for which it was intended by the Act appropriating it, may produce great benefits. To have it on hand at the moment it will be required, without delay, I ought to have control of it as soon as possible. Your prompt attention to this matter will much oblige me.

I remain, Colonel, very respectfully yours

Thos. C. Reynolds

Governor of Missouri

To

Lt. Col. W. H. Broadwell. C.S. Army.

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r will reach him. He de
rmit to be to transport
bales of cotton through ou
Fork, Arkansas River,
y in such supplies as
chase with the proceeds.
Colonel,
th much respect,
very truly yours
Thos. C. Reynolds

Marshall, Texas 23d June 1864

Lt. Col. W. A. Broadwell,

Shreveport. La.

Dear Sir:

You will do me a personal favour by giving our friends, Col. John W. Tolk, a permit to purchase and export beyond our lines in Arkansas twenty five bales of cotton. Could the trade be regulated, much good might be produced. But absolute prohibition having proven a failure, much cotton is carried out clandestinely. Col. Tolk could carry out cotton in this way, but he wishes to do nothing without permission of the proper authorities. He needs supplies for his family & negroes, and as he has sufferred heavily by the war, I trust you will extend him the privilege he asks.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter, & also write to Col. Tolk. He neglected to give me his address,

boat I presume a letter sent to Gen. Price's headquarters will reach him. He desires the permit to be to transport twenty five bales of cotton through our lines to Red Fork, Arkansas River, and to bring in such supplies as he may purchase with the proceeds.

I am, Colonel,

with much respect,

very truly yours

Thos. C. Reynolds.

Genl. Steele 1864

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Memphis Jany
30th 1864
Gen Hy C Kingsbury
to
Capt O. A. Black

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Referring to the expectation
of Gen. Polk for
family supplies.

Ans

Marshall Texas 30 June '64

Capt[n] [illegible] Black

&c &c

Captain:

Accept my thanks for your courtesy in answering my letter of the 23[d] to Col. Broadwell.

On his return please call his attention to it, & ask him to let me know if he can suggest any way in which Col. Polk can get permission, either express or tacit, to export the cotton he wishes.

I am, Capt[n]

very respectfully

Yours &c

Thos. C. Reynolds

Marshall 28th July 1865

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Thos. C. Reynolds.

Asst. Commissary.

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Taking Statement of

returning in Apl 1864

Dec

Marshall, Texas, 28th Jan. 1865

Lt. Col. Wm. A. Broadwell,
Shreveport La.

Colonel:

I always like to preserve somewhat in record form, the history of official transactions, and therefore respectfully solicit from you a statement of the general tenor of the conversation between us at Shreveport a few days after the battle of Mansfield last year, in the interview in which, stating to you that Gen. Smith, though willing to give the State of Missouri a permit to export six thousand bales of cotton to obtain supplies for the Mo. Confederate troops, had referred me to you, I was induced to postpone action on account of the very convincing reasons given by you to show that it would seriously interfere with the efforts of your office to support the Confederate armies.

I am, Colonel, with high esteem,
very truly yours
Thos. C. Reynolds,
Govr of Mo.

Nearly Sir, March 4th 1865

Gov Gov. E. Reynolds

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announcing his intention
of obtaining subsistence for
Militia Troops under the
Freedmen Regulations

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Marshall, Texas, 4th March 1865

Lt. Col. Wm A. Broadwell,
Shreveport La

Dear Sir:

Accept my acknowledgements for your letter of the 2d inst.

Influenced by the peculiar condition of the Missouri troops, nearly all exiles from their families, and by the example set by North Carolina, I had in the summer of 1863 formed a plan for exporting cotton on account of the State of Missouri, in order to obtain supplies for its soldiers in Confederate service. The operations of the enemy in Texas and Louisiana in the winter of 1863-4 caused the suspension of those plans, and the conversation with you in April last led to their abandonment at that period. Subsequently the legislation of Congress and the trade regulations of the Treasury Department sanctioned and almost invited cotton exportations by the States; and the success of the patriotic Governor of Louisiana in that trade soon produced an almost universal desire that his example should be followed by other Trans-Mississippi executives. Among

the Missouri officers and soldiers this desertion unusually strong, as evinced in numerous petitions and letters addressed to me, and pointing out that trade is almost the sole resource for placing them on an equality with those of other states in respect to clothing.

Judging of the policy of the Confederate government by its legislation, I have accordingly made preparations for obtaining supplies for the Missouri troops in that way, to a limited extent; and in carrying out my plans, I purpose to act in harmony with the Confederate authorities.

The duty of an executive is often determined by circumstances and the action of other authorities. My general views, however, in reference to the cotton trade are well known to you. Disbelieving the soundness of the principles which, during the entire war, have regulated the financial, monetary and commercial legislation of the Confederate States, I am nevertheless, of course, constrained to regulate my own official course according to the state of things produced by that legislation. Action reveals itself, and the policy of State supplies to Confederate troops is only a copy of that pursued

in the revolution of 1776, producing like effects and originating in similar circumstances.

I am, Dear Sir,

Very respectfully,

your obt. servt

Thos. C. Reynolds

Gov of Mo

H Rogers
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List of Medicines necessary in Purveyors office
Shreveport La

Sulph Quinine	oz	200
Pulv Opium	lbs	50
" Ipecac	lbs	20
Tooth Extracting Sets		30
Pocket Sets		30

This list is furnished Dr Taylor and will be paid for upon terms as stated in contract between Gen Buckner dated June 15th 1864 and Lt Col O Barrien Chief Quarter Masters Dept Trans Miss

Henry C Rogers acting
Medical Purveyor

1 Suit of business Clothes for Sergt	Pants 34. Length 31 around waist
4 Pairs of Ladies Gaiters No 2	
1 Dz Prs of Cloth thread Gloves No 8	
4 Silk under Shirts	
1/2 Dz Black Silk neck ties	
1 Pr Cavalry Boots No 9	
1 Fine French Soft Hat 7 1/4	
1 Dz Linen Hdkfs	
1/2 Silk do	
1 Bolt Irish Linen	
1 Pr Fine Calf Shoes No 9. Grey Cashmere 7 yds 2 3/4	

Alf. 7th Aug. 1863

1600

Maj. Shut G. A. Platt

Alexandria La. 7th May 1863.

Maj. Thos. G. Pitcher

Major -

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 5th. Will endeavor to be in Subsequent. at the time named.

Maj. Mather directs me to say that he shall go up by the first Boat.

Very Respy
Your ob. Svt
W. H. Broadwell
Lt Col -

Shreveport Nov 23 64

Please deliver the cotton shown
to the order of Col W A Rogers
who will pay for the same
and sign any certificate
necessary Edwin Ruffin
Asst Q M Dept

Davenport Nov 23 1860

Please deliver the certificates
to the order of Col W A Richardson
who will pay for the same
and sign
necessary

any certificate
Charles Ripley
Supt Treasy

Off. of Chf of Ord & Arty
Shreveport Feb 25th 1864

Maj Thos G Rhett

Enclosing (R. 479.)
~~Relative to the~~ propositions
of Mr & Mr Alexander

1st Ind Trans Miss Dept
Shreveport La Feby 27th 64

Respectfully referred to
Lt Col W. A. Broadwell
Chf Cotton Bureau for
his consideration and
report.

By command of Lt Genl Smith
E Cunningham
Lt & A. D. C.

Hd Qrs Cotton Bureau
Shreveport 28th Feby 1864.

The proposition of Messrs C. C. & E. C. Alexander proposes to obtain an exemption against the impressment & destruction of Six ——— Thousand bales of Cotton now lying in northern Texas to be sold in Europe - they giving one third of the proceeds in lieu of a like amount of Confederate money. The propriety of ———

Recd H. Q. Mil Dist Feb 29 64

granting such exemptions as are asked for is, of course subject to the decision of the Department Commander. Our ability to defend the section of country named would doubtless influence his decision. If the applicants will conform to the rules of the Texas Cotton office, & agree that the property shall not be removed from where it now lies, this Bureau has to recommend that an exemption from destruction and impressment be endorsed upon warehouse and storage receipts for the quantity of Cotton mentioned; one half of which to be surrendered to the Govt and forwarded to Maj Minter or some other Confederate agent in Europe, to be sold and the proceeds invested in such ordnance stores as Maj Rhett may designate. The Govt to give Myers Alexander in Confederate money, the amount realized for the certificates in gold abroad. He Myers Alexander would be able to obtain a handsome

amount in gold for the certificates retained by them; which it is believed, would be four times the value of the entire five Thousand Bales. situated as it now is.

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W. H. Broadwell
Lt. Col.

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U.S. of C.S. of Ord & Art'y
Depart Texas Mississ
Shreveport La Febry 2 3d 1864

Colonel: I have the honor, to lay before the Lt Genl Comdg.
the enclosed Examination of Majors C.C. & L.L. Alexander.
ment of wealth, and standing of Denham Texas.
If deemed necessary by the Genl, they will come down,
for an interview

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Wm G Peck
Maj & Ch of Ord & Ord
C.S.A.

Col. J. T. Anderson
Apt Adjt Genl
Depart Trans Miss

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Asst Engr Bridges

Lehah Transport

Shreveport March 8. 1864

Lieut. L. Holt

Major

Enclosing letter from Wm R. Walker giving information concerning Stores enroute for delivery on Contract at Sonkston for Genl Pearce

Wm Jno Thos Mississippi

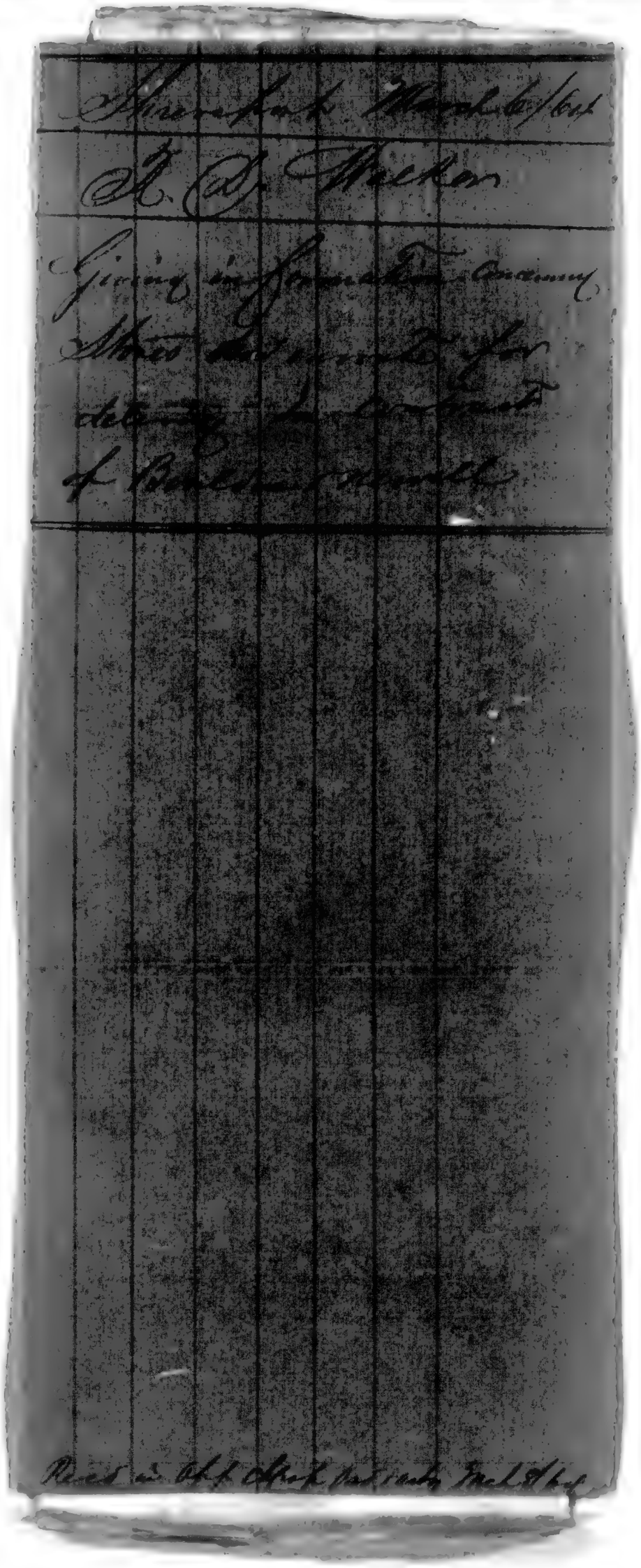
Shreveport March 10th 64

Respy refer to Col Bowden who will will take immediate steps for placing the cotton required by the Certificate herewith Barrels and Boards at the ferry to the Cotton Planters be ready for the Engrs

of Boulder & Nevada
as they received with
the Goods recently
purchased in Mexico.

E. Kirby Smith
Lt Col. -

Rec'd & acted upon as
indicated by Letters
to Lt J. G Pinkerton
Capt Barnett &
" dtd March 1864
W. A. B



Shreveport March 6th 1864

Major Rhett:

Sir

I saw a letter today written at Mountain City 30 miles beyond Austin of date 23d ~~inst~~, Stating that Col Boudain was expected there the last of the week,

The same writer states that Boudain ~~[illegible]~~ have hired two hundred & fifty Mule teams are now on their way to the Brazos, also states that they have made heavy purchases, & remarks that they are introducing them into the country in advance of any payment &c

I write this only to give you the information before tomorrow

R E Walker

11 Copy original Sent to Mrs. Dr. Boulden

The Confederate States of America
Bought of
Mrs. Boulden & Newell
under their contract to be delivered at Eagle Pass

2000	Yards of Bro.	Cloth at	2 50/100	5000.00
1666	. . . .		2 50/100	4165.00
158096	. . Blue . .		2 75/100	3809.11
525	. . Gray		1.67 95	875.61
500	Pairs of			

I certify that in accordance with the terms of a Contract entered into by Lt. Col. E. E. Smith A.A. Gen.l Trans. Miss: Dept: with Messrs Boulden and Newell, I have this day agreed with messrs Boulden & Newell for the above bill of Goods to be delivered at Eagle Pass Texas to an agent of the Govt: Appointed by Lt. Col. Smith to receive the Same, and that I have given an agent under said Contract that Messrs Boulden & Newell shall receive forty per Cent pay-ment on the above bill payable in Cotton according to the terms of said Contract, and that the prices for the above Goods delivered at Eagle Pass Texas, are reasonable and just.—

J. F. Hamlin
Major C.S.A.

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Cotton Bureau,
Glasgow 19th April 1864

In connection with my endeavours for the prosecution of A.K. McDonald – I beg to call your attention to the statement of Lord Provost Smith of Glasgow. Should I see cause of getting an affirmation from Lord Provost as to the purport of such business – I have informed Mr. McDonald that good reasons might exist with you for disapproving his prosecution. & that he must not be disappointed if his business failed. whilst being fully satisfied that the issue of such prosecution in any respect & question – I claim that you should not be influenced by the embarrassment of the Exchequer, and my failure to accomplish what I to authorize a transaction which may be deemed irregular, & be condemned by the Exchequer itself. & trust you will not be influenced by my consent to provide means, to forego that prosecution due to yourself, if we only had control of the cotton of Texas it would constitute a solution to our present difficulties. The Treasury deficit has suspended no funds. The Exchequer has failed to give the cotton of a clear legal status

the Governors of the States
. Are inclined to purchase & use Cotton largely
. and the Completion of
numerous Contractors
who hold Military
Permits - will probably
Cover the Cotton
of the State - and
leave the Govmt no
power to operate -
. The offers of Cert
Hutchens . amount
literally to nothing
in the face of such
opposition . as is offered
by others . whose Cotton
we are unable to touch
. without . bringing about
an . issue which
might annoy you .
. The acquisition of
50 Million of Dollars
in Good funds . might
enable me to load back
the 400 Waggons which
I propose to send to San
Antonio - as soon as the
trains can with safety
be drawn from other
. Depots . in which they are
now employed .
E. S. Sib. W. A. Brandwell
Lt Col

1864

Off. Chief of Ord & Arty
Depart Trans Miss
Shreveport La April 20th 1864.

Colonel:

Col Broadwell Chief of Cotton Bureau has shown me a proposition made by A.B. McDonald which, if carried out, would place in the hands of the Government some four or five hundred thousand dollars to be used in purchasing Ordnance Stores. I would therefore suggest, that, if the proposition meets the approval of the General Commanding that such steps may be taken, as he may deem necessary, in order to obtain this money without delay, as the agent sent to Mexico has but a small amount of funds in his hands, and no present prospect of getting more.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Hos. G Rhett
Major Chief of Ord & Arty
D. T. M

Col J. J. Anderson
Asst Adjt Genl
D. T. M

I wrote recommending the acceptance
of Mr A. H. McDonald's resignation
of his appointment

In view of the necessities of the army
in this department I wrote ~~advising~~ to
Command the sale of the 800 bales of
Cotton near the Miss river in Arkansas
for Gen. Banks at Alexandria
as we can use them in Mexico for the
purchase of supplies or in payment of our
debts

If the cotton in the same region
not which are being turned to the enemy
can be purchased either by McDonald by
means ~~of~~ of the Government and be
turned over to him at a price of fifty
~~=~~ fifty dollars a bale to the Government I
should think it ought to be done

Mr McDonald is understood to possess
the confidence of the ~~Secretary~~ President of the ~~proposition~~ made by
him of

E. D. Smith

Head Quarters, Trans-Mississippi Department,
OFFICE OF THE COTTON BUREAU.

Colonel Shreveport 19 April 1864

I would particularly oblige me by replying to that portion of my January letter requiring the action of the Bureau retaining the letter until I return.

The arrangement entered into with W. McDonald, if sanctioned by Gen'l Smith will prove very beneficial to the Department. It was satisfied from the outset that the South was of the right stamp & that our mutual acquaintance, W. Bass, was not deceived when he gave him such a flattering letter. My intercourse with W. McDonald has been of a confidential character & I have scrutinized his character closely & am fully satisfied, the most rigid scrutiny of integrity & honorable dealing govern his actions & conduct, and that his sympathy is duly enlisted in our cause - which he has shown on many occasions by assisting people within the enemies lines above mentioned & by furnishing them with personal aid - & Liberal amount

1605 to 1615

Thomas G. Rhett.

Maj - Chief of ord^ce & Arth

T. R. D.

Sundry papers, & letters
referred to this office from
Dept. H^qrs Ans. March 7th 6.

These papers emanated from
the office of Maj Thos G. Rhett
Chief of ord^ce T. R. Dept.
& relate chiefly to the contract
of Messrs Bunedin Riggs & Co
in reference to the delivery of
Cotton in payment of ord^ce Stores
purchased by Messrs B R & Co

A true & new filed.

1506

Office of Cotton Bureau
San Antonio, Texas
Dec 28th 1865.

A. W. Bonedini Esq (firm of Gen Bonedini, Riggs & Walker)

Sir

In reply to your enquiry as to my orders, I state that Major Thos B. Lee instructed me "to impress 50 per cent of all Cotton except that belonging to Maj J. Hart."

Respectfully
Your Ob. Svt.
Capt J. de Frield
A.A.C.S. Dist of Texas

Shreveport. 5th March 1864.

1607

Jas. A Bard—

Communication giving information of an interview with parties in Natchez Miss in relation to introduction of Confederates—

Recd. 7th Mch 1864. Colton Bureau

General I was in Natchez Miss about the
1st Ult whither I had gone to communicate with
my wife in New Orleans and who had not heard
from me for nearly a year. While there and by
accident I met a person who expressed a desire to
purchase a large quantity of Cotton On my
return, and at Harrisonburg La, I saw
Capt Geo L Kouns who has a Contract from
Col L H Dannon Chief Dr Master. Trans
Miss Dept. Informing Capt Kouns of what
I had learned in Natchez and expressing to him
the opinion that an arrangement could be made
for an exchange of Cotton for such supplies
as are wanted in this department he urged me
to go to Natchez again, see the party and
get a definite proposition. I did so, having
first obtained a permit from Gen Liddell
who was apprised of the object of my visit
Some features of the proposition are objectionable
and cannot be entertained. I am, however,
strongly impressed with the belief that if negotiations are properly conducted with the
party with I communicated an arrangement
can yet be made for exchanging Cotton
for Supplies. and that the Contemplated
expeditions up Ouachita & Red Rivers and
across the County to Munroe will be abandoned

The person with whom I had an
interview is in high position and influence
with the authorities in Washington City and is
in my opinion the only Man, who has yet been
approached who can exert such an influence
as will insure the accomplishment of the object
in view. because he exhibited such documents
as satisfied me on this point. I have some
other matters which I can explain to you verbally
which have an important bearing on the subject
so far as the party referred to is concerned and if

You will appoint an hour in which I can see you either on Monday or Tuesday 7th or 8th inst I will take pleasure in giving you all the items.
I will require a permit to visit Natchez and also one for the Queen to come within our lines and return again unmolested.

For my Standing I can refer you to the following gentlemen Richd Taylor. J. F. Bullard Wm G Black Wm A Broadwell E H Conway Dr A Stevenson. Maj Heard. & Majr Phelps &c

Very Respectfully
Jas Gardner
March 5th 64

To
Lt Genl E Kirby Smith
Shreveport La

A Communication left at Verandah Hotel will reach me.

Ap of Ch Qr Mr Dis Duty
Depot Transportation
Brazos Santiago Co Feby 3rd 64

Maj Thos G. Rhett

Requesting that Lt Col Hutchings
Cotton Permit Clerk of Texas,
be instructed to have his Cotton
to Major Stephen D. Lee, on
Dis Duty Eagle Pass.—

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Hd Qrs Chf of Cav & Cavy
Defts Texas & Miss
Shreveport La. Feby 3d. 1864.

General,

I have the honor to request, that Lt. Col. Hutchings, in charge of the Cotton Bureau Dept of Texas: be instructed to transfer to Major Stephen G. Lee, on Ordnance duty at Eagle Pass, such number of bales of Cotton, as he may make Requisition for from time to time, - to meet the requirements of Contract with Bouldin Riggs & Wacker, in buying for Stores to be delivered at Eagle Pass, - and to make payment for such other Ordnance supplies as he may be able to purchase.

I would respectfully urge upon the Comdg General, the necessity for this order, as the delay in furnishing Cotton heretofore, has materially interfered with my ability to keep up supplies for my Depart.

Major Lee being upon the ground & furnished with Cotton, will be able to obtain supplies, otherwise impossible to procure.

Brig Genl. W.R. Boggs.
Chief of Staff
Dept Texas & Miss.

Very Respectfully
Yr obt Svt
Thos G Rhett
Maj & Chief Ord Officer

Eagle Pass 1609 Texas
Jany. 7. 1864

Maj. S. S. Lee.

Asking that the Lieut Genl be requested to instruct Lieut Col Hutchings of Cotton Bureau to direct his Agents at this place & San Antonio to cover his requisitions for Cotton and to give them preference over all others.

E.B. .53.

Respectfully referred to The Lt Genl Comdg Dept with the request that the order asked for by Maj S. S. Lee, be given, as soon as practicable, to enable him to carry out his instructions.

John G. Walker
Major Cav C.S.A.
D.T.M.

Eagle Pass. Tex. Jany 7th 1863.

Major:

I have the honor to report my arrival at this place, I find no communication from your office. There is much confusion on both sides of the river arrogant upon the respective action of the Rebel Bureau as to impressments and the Imperial Authorities as to attachments. Thus I presume will be carried after a while

In the meantime, to make my services at this effective I hope you will ask the Lt Gen Comdy to instruct Lt Col Stribling of the Rebel Bureau to direct his Agents at this place and at San Antonio to cease my operations for Rebel and to give them known over all others with this order I will be able to satisfy the Expectation both of the General and yourself.

I am Major
Respectfully
Your Obt Svt

Major S. G. Rhett.
Asst and Asst Q.M.
Shreveport.
La.

Major Gen. U.S.
Com'd'g Dist

1610

Ofs of Chief of Ord & Arty
Comft Trans Mis
Shreveport La Feby 8th 1864

Thos. G. Rhett Majr &c

In regard to action of the
Cotton Bureau in purchasing
Artillery harness, that he was
in treaty for.
(with enclosure)

Recd
Washington 9th Feby 64

Off. of Chief of Ord & Ordn'ce
Corpus Christi Texas
Shreveport La. Feby 8th 1864.

Colonel;

I have the honor to request that you will lay before the General Commanding, the following facts:

Mr James L Bennett Houston Texas, informed me, that he had 128 Sets of Artillery Harness, and certain Artillery Wheels for Sale, and wished to know if I would purchase. I answered by telegraph, that I would if the prices were not too high. By inclosed letter You will perceive that the Cotton Bureau stepped in, and made the purchase of the very articles I was in treaty for. I am not aware, that the Cotton Bureau have any authority to make purchases for my Department, more particularly so, when they acknowledge their inability to fulfil the orders of the Lieut Genl Commdg to furnish the Cotton necessary to pay for Ordnance Stores already delivered under Contracts approved at Richmond. My Agents authorized by the General himself (Majr Lee at Eagle Pass, and Lieut Hampton at San Antonio) are awaiting the shipment of Cotton, already ordered to Shreveport, Caddo Parish.

I would respectfully request information, as to how far the power of the Cotton Bureau extends, is it only to furnish Cotton when ordered by the Lieut Genl Commdg or is it

to interfere with the different Departments and come into Competition with them in making Purchases?

The number of Agents already in the field, have caused considerable trouble, and expense to the Government, and, if the Cotton Bureau enters into the purchase of stores for my Department, in addition to their own, it will be impossible for me to control the supplies needed. Each Chief of a Department knows the wants of his Department best, and in their hands the responsibility should rest, and each Department by attending to its appropriate business will be able to meet the wants, at the least much better, than interfering with each other.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Thos. G. Rhett
Maj'r Ch. Q.M. Cons'd Army
C.S.A.

Col S. F. Anderson
Asst. Adjt. Genl
Dept. Trans Miss

1611

Copy

Houston 4th Febry 1864

Major Thos. L. Rhett
Office Chief Ord & Subsy D.S.M.

Sir

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your esteemed and prompt reply to my respects I have offered the Names to the Cotton Bureau and have agreed to deliver same at Red Rogers at a profit upon actual Invoice Costs and Charges leaving the profit to be fixed by the Board or any officer they may appoint to inspect the goods.

I trust therefore a solution if not the solution may reach your Department as I feel assured you will be satisfied with the quality of the appointments, as the Names is similar in all respects to that used in the Eighth Service

I am Sir
Your Most Obt Servt
James L. Bennett

(Signed)

A true Copy
Thos L. Rhett
Maj & Ch of Ord & Subs
D.S.M.

1612 II. 194.
Houston: Texas
Jany. 31st 1864.

Paul B. Lents
Brvt. on Ord. duty

Relating to cotton.

(E.B. 65—)

Ap. of chp of Ord Duty
Dept. Trans Miss
Shreveport. Feby 3/64

Respectfully forwarded for the information of the Lt. Genl. Comdg.

With the statement, that the faith of the Government has been implied with, and the repeated orders of the Department Commander disobeyed, by each subordinate officer to whose business it was, to make delivery of the cotton.

Recd 8th Dist. Thos G. Rhett
Feby 4th 64 Capt. Asst Adjt Gen

Houston. Texas.
January 31st 1864.

Major

It was several days after the receipt of your letter of the 22nd December 1863. (ordering me to receive from the Cotton Bureau or Maj. Bloomfield such cotton as it or he may be prepared to deliver &c.) before Maj. Bloomfield returned from the field: when he informed me that he had been ordered by Gen. Magruder to turn over all Government Cotton that he held, to the Cotton Bureau -

I saw Lt. Col. Hutchins Chf. of Cotton Bureau. who informed me that he would not receive the said Cotton, as he thought it as well for Maj. Bloomfield to turn the Cotton over directly to me - I then had to wait until the matter was definitely settled between them, which was not until within a few days past when the Cotton Bureau have decided to receive the Cotton - But Col. Hutchins, in my last interview with him says he cannot turn the Cotton over to me, as there are other contracts to be paid first -

I represented to him the claims of Messrs: Boulton Riggs & Walton as strongly as possible, but all to no purpose, as he seems disposed to carry out only his own ideas without any reference whatever to any

orders from Head quarters.

I saw Col. H. immediately after he had seen Gen. Smith, but he said he had not yet mentioned the matter to the General - Gen. Smith is now in Galveston, and will remain for several days - as soon as he returns I will see him and endeavor to have him issue a positive order to Col. Hutchins, directing him to turn over the Cotton immediately.

Mr. Geo. W. Walker the Agent of Miss. Bankers Assn. Walker has not yet reached Houston, or has if he has done so, has failed to see me. It is very necessary that I should see him, in order to determine when the Cotton is to be placed, but as I do not know where to address him. I mention it to you.

Very Respectfully
Yr. obdt. Servt.
Paul B. Lindsley
Maj. on Ord. duty

To
Maj. Thos. G. Rhett
Chf. of Ord. & Arty. D. T. M.
Shreveport. La

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Hd Qrs. Cattle Bureau
Shreveport La 26th Jany 18

Respy returns, It is believ
that Lieut S. W. Bowdin
complied with the provisions
of Instructions of No 198,
and No 227, any rights agains
by him would have been
fully respected by Rebel
Authorities, under the cir-
cumstances the action of
the Agents of this
Department sustained,
W. H. Brownell
Lieut.

Hd Qrs Trans Miss Dept
Shreveport La Jany 25 18
Respectfully referred to
Chief of Cattle Bureau
who will return the papers
with this endorsement.
By command of
Brevet Brig Genl Smith
Asst Adjt Genl
Maj & A.A.G.

San Antonio Texas B. 626.

Decr 28th 1863

Lt Boulden of the firm of Boulden Riggs & Thacker Contractors with Ord. Dept (Cotton Purchases)

Concerning the action of Cotton Bureau in exacting 50 p/c loss from their Cotton purchases to be exported from the Country to pay for purchases of Ordnance Stores already delivered - Permit for exportation of same being granted them by Lt Genl Commdg with enclosures showing the effect of such action

1. Enclo.

E.B. 45

Respectfully forwarded for information of the Lt Genl Comdg Dept - with request that the papers be returned after perusal

Office Ord Yard Shreveport Texas Jany 25th 64

Thos G. Rhett

San Antonio Dec
28th 1863 -

Maj Thos S Rhett
Ch Ord & Actg D F M

Sir I have the honor to acknowledge
receipt your letter 15th Dec handed me by Dr Fox.
Dr Fox you remember as an agt
(of mine) sent by express to your Hd Qrs with letter
stating the condition of our business at this place
asking that immediate measures be taken to
relieve us - In that communication I stated
that the goods heretofore supplied to firm
under contract to be delivered by our firm was
partly arrived on the road between this place and
Eagle Pass - and between Eagle Pass & Monterey
& that there was no cotton here as per order of
Dr Smith to pay for the same as per contract with
our firm - As at Brownsville last summer
I did not hesitate to deliver the goods believing
that the matter would be all made right by sending
express to Shreveport reporting the facts - And in the absence
of the Cotton here on the part of the government,
made arrangements to send cotton here in payment
for the same, at the same time ordering the goods
to be delivered as fast as sold - In accordance with
that order the goods were being turned over - as you have
been already advised by Col Shreveport, who could not
settle for them for the want of the cotton - Now sir
what is my astonishment to find in my return here,
that the identical cotton I had been sending forward in pay-

Payment for these stores already delivered, part of which had already arrived was being imposed. 50 per cent - and all the balance awaiting subject to this condition - besides another lot on and forward to Eagle Pass, had been acquired to be subject to the rate of a like 50 per cent after getting them before it would be suffered to pass through this place, and that I or on the hands of the parties of whom we hereto bought and are now buying goods - In the name of common sense and justice what does all this mean - When I was at Shreveport Mr Smith gave me order to export 6000 bales Cotton free - I had been already annoyed to great loss & disappointment in delivering goods purchased under our contract in accordance failure on the part of the Government - I spoke of all this & flattered myself it would then be all right - Is it not possible for us to make a straight forward contract for delivery of goods, without being subject to all the annoyances intended to clog the wheels of the Cotton Trade - Have we not done enough to give confidence? do not the goods already over us enough to protect us - When I was at Shreveport I exported large amt of Arms & other contraband stores purchased under our contract that could not be delivered on account of the failure on the part of the Govt - the Arms alone are worth $600000 dollars we could get get them, besides other large amt of stores - Now, but why write any more you already know it all - & will know best what course to adopt - enclosed I send you letter written to me by Louis Leon, the Party of whom we are purchasing these goods, it speaks for itself what we may expect - Also send you copy of the order received here by the Government officer - over his own signature - that will show plainly what we are to expect - of him -

In the Communication sent by Dr. Frost I called your attention to the orders of the Cotton Bureau, and sent you paper containing that order, in your letter in answer; you reply, that you have addopted the adopt Steps in this subject. As yet I have no reply - I adopted this course because I knew Gen Smith was familiar with the fact of our transactions, in making our reports in Goods delivered instead of goods to be delivered - The Govt owed us large amt of Cotton. to be paid for this goods delivered - upon which this Cotton Permit to us to Export Cotton free of imprisonment & interruption to our Cotton - or teams was based) the Cotton Bureau instead of paying us the Cotton as ordered by Gen Smith, have caused the time thus far in delaying correspondence & still no cotton - instead of delivering the Cotton as ordered - they are imprisoning the Cotton we are using him to pay for articles delivered since I know they had no use him to pay with - They cannot say they did not know our position - for they had the order for the Cotton at the time, to be paid to us; as is evidenced by the Copy of the endorsement ~~of Gen Smith~~ by Col Broadwell stating "that it is believed when the Cotton Bureau is organized for the State of Texas that they will be able to meet such demands - It is too great an injustice to believe for a moment that Gen Smith will suffer it - but will give if he has not already done so immediate order exempting it - I cannot believe that vested rights will be interfered with, by retrospective action to parties who are taking cotton here instead of on the Rio Grande as per contract in payment for supplies - If nothing can be done, to protect us, for Gods sake let them

take all the Cotton, teams and every thing else &
save make us from suing - our credit, and every pledge &
confidence we have made with every party we have
anything to do with - Let what is done, be done at once -
so that we as well as the parties of whom we are purchas-
ing goods may know what to rely on -
I am unprepared encounter to Manitou and my way to
Habana in connection with the others interest of which
you are aware - The Company that I was to have gone
with having left some ten days ago, I being confined to
my room with Neuralgia & could not get off at the time,
I start today & will overtake them some where in route -
Then is not one of my old friends who knows the condition
of our business like myself & to stay here to attend
to that would be neglecting a more important interest - at
the same time I believe it is only necessary to unto
plainly the facts in the case in order to get that
protection that the firm of Brolding Riggs Walker
are entitled to at the hands of yourself as chief of
the Dpt with whom we have contracted and also of
Sec Smith who we well understand the manner
in which we have complied with our contracts
the amt of goods delivered - the debt owed
us by the govt and the goods we are now delivering -
We can't understand why to express a want of faith
in the govt's paying us - as evidence of which I learn
positive instructions to Matamoros to deliver goods as fast as
they arrive - the trouble you understand is not with us but the
Mexicans of whom we are purchasing who will not deliver when
half the pay is impressed - Please attend to this matter at once & very
much oblige your obdt Servt — D. W. Bouldin
for Bouldin Riggs & Walker

Houston Feb 4th 1864

Lieu Gen E Kirby Smith

Will you order Lieu Henry
E Lockett Co C 2d Reg of T V In and
Private Thos J Lockett Capt Sellers Co Texas State
troops and Private William Davis Co I
Lanes Regiment Majr Bri's to report to me
for duty in the Brazos Manufacturing
Company The reasons of the above request
are as follows I will be compelled to handle
large amounts of money and transact
business with parties both here and in
Mexico who are strangers to me
Lieu H Lockett has been well known to
me for years and I can therefore use him
with confidence in the transaction of such
business as I could not confide to a stranger
He is well acquainted with all the business
men both of Texas & Mexico Has had
experience in transacting business in
Mexico And there is no man in this
department who I could use as well
for a confidential agent as he

At least, two active young men are
absolutely necessary in the Manufacturing
business Keith Lieu Sockett are
are now & have for some time been with
their Commands in the field but on detached
service that could be as well performed
by others I a carrying on a business for
supplying the Army with Blankets & clothing
to the amount of many Millions of money
two confidential assistants is the lowest
number that could safely answer
these present duties can obsehorged as well
by almost any soldier or officer in the
army Private Wm Davis is
54 years of age Exempt by age from
service but a volunteer He is both an
engineer and machinest has had
experience in the manufactory of cotton
& woolen Machinery and is probably
the only one who has these qualifications
in the department He only one found
by the undersigned after diligent search
These facts Gen I hope will influence
you to action the above named as
requested Yours &c

Thos. F. Sockett

San Antonio Texas
Dec 28th 1863

E Degener Agent for
Louis Leon

Declining to deliver any more
goods to Boulden Riggs & Wacker
until payment is made for
those already delivered

Yrs &c
Boulden Riggs & Wacker
San Antonio

Sabl Boulderi Sant Antonio 28th Dec 63.

Of the firm Boulderi Riggs & Wells

Dear Sir

After our long conversation to night I think it as well to wind up, for the sake of avoiding misunderstandings hereafter.

The amount you owe us at present to Luis Leon for goods delivered, is the amount 13 and 13,000 $ Specie. The goods I have still in my store are some 6 or 7000 $ more. There are moreover some 50 or 60,000 $ load, here and on the road from Eagle Pass. Of the originally ordered 10,000 lb Sulphur and 10,000 lb Saltpetre, bought for you in Monterey, I have not lately heard, but suppose them likewise en transit. Taking all this together, your indebtedness to Luis Leon will amount to about 500 Bales of Cotton.

These goods were bought, shipped, and a great portion of them stored over to the Ordnance department under the impression that an order signed by General Kirby Smith to deliver 800 Bales of Cotton to you, would not fail to be complied with. Moreover the complimentary manner with which the highest authorities treated you on Exportation for several thousand Bales of cotton, free of all impressment could not fail to add new credit to the so established respectability of your firm.

Your claim against the Government were however not respected. Notwithstanding this disappointment, an invoice of 3000 $, was without hesitation drawn over for your account to the Govt, and you with the readiness was expected from you, ordered some 350 Bales of Cotton, your private property, to be forwarded to Luis Leon.

Part of this Cotton has arrived, and now your Expor

Part

Permit has precisely the same ill luck as your order for Cotton.
The bureau claims a loan of 50 percent of the cotton which
you intend to use for covering the Amount the Govt
has forced to pay, and owes you still for an Invoice
turned over to them. This is in fact taking 150 per cent.

Such as I appreciate your position, I as Agent
of Lucio Leon am bound to look after his Interest and
must refuse to deliver any further goods if you can not
give such securities, as will enable me to keep all
the cotton you give me in payment, without any further
loan deduction or impressment liability.

I was already forced to register a power of 50 pr cent of
my bills of lading of cotton which I received from
your Agents Roll & Mitchell in payment for
ordinance turned over on the 3d of June, the same
practice is being continued with your 140 Bales which I received
yesterday, and if not changed I shall keep of the above
mentioned cotton not more than 180 Bales. This will
of course not cover your present indebtedness not to say
anything about the lead contracts which were made for you
with American owners, whose providence is continually
sparing you Negroes.

You could possibly not call it a want of confidence in your
personal responsability, if I refused to continue all trans-
actions, but I shall not go thus far and will let you have
the lead now in my possession. If you can give me a permit
for all your Cotton that may arrive, entitling me to claim
possession free of the 50 per cent or any other loan, not subject
to any liquidation or impressment whatsever.

Your connections are such, that I do not doubt

you will be able to procure such a document, and will oblige me by sending a line in reply to this letter.

Yours very respectfully

E Degener

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Shreveport 15 Aug 1863

Thomas G. Rhett

Chief of ordenance

Trans M. Dept-

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Information in reference to the
wants of the T. M. Dept- in
ordenance & ordinance Stores
Contracts now in existance
& approved at Richmond-

Office Chief of Ord Dept
Asst Trans Msp
Shreveport La. Aug 15. 1863

Colonel,

In reply to your communication of this date, I herewith enclose a "list of the kinds of Ordnance Stores that will be required on this Depot for the next two years" the quantity I am not even able to state approximately,

I am receiving from McMurty & Kinsel of San Antonio, Ordnance Stores, payable for at agent Prices on delivery, the Quartermaster allowed to take out of the Country, Cotton sufficient to pay for the Stores they obtain in Mexico,

I have one Contract, that with Messrs Bowden Riggs & Wacker, - which is approved at Richmond. - this contract recites "That the Confederate States through their agents are to deliver at Brownsville or other points on the Rio Grande, to the amount of Sixteen, a sufficient amount of Cotton to pay for Ordnance Stores delivered by Bowden R & W. at a price per pound equal to the cost of same inclusive of transportation to the point of delivery"

An Endorsement on this Contract is to effect as follows viz. - "Approved and instructions will be given to the Agent

" of the Finance Dept at Brownsville to receive any
" goods saleable army not specified in the list, at
" prices 50 per cent above actual cost outside
" of the Confederacy as exhibited by the invoices — other
" articles the cost of which is not specified, such
" as ammunition, accoutrements &c. will be had for on
" same terms,

(Signed) D Goyas Colonel
Chief of Finance,

Note

" The 50 per cent is to be estimated on invoices
" abroad and the actual cost & charges at the
" point of delivery"

(Signed) D Goyas Colonel
Chief of Finance

I have an Agreement with Hale & Vanqasond
for delivery of the Clothing at Brownsville, at 75% ~~addition to invoice cost, the points to point charges~~
To point of delivery and there receive cotton for same
at the Market Value at the date of delivery. — the
Amount of Clothing to be supplied on this Agreement is
limited, —

I do not think "Contracts of a valuable
Character can be made payable in Cotton located
in Plantations in Texas" east of this point, only upon
terms too favorable to the party contracting with
the Govt. —

Lt Col. Pickett Broadsword
Inspt
L W

Respectfully
Your obt svt
Hen. L. Pickett
Maj & Chf Ord Dept
D. T. W.

Shrevesport 19th Sept 1863

Thomas G. Pratt
Majr Chief Ordnance
Trans-Ms Dept

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Requesting that facilities
be granted Messrs Boulden
Riggs & Walker to carry out
their Contract to bring ord^ce
& Ord^n Stores —

(Copy)

Off. of Chief of Arty & Ord
Dept. Trans Mis.
Shreveport La Sept 19/1863

General,

I am directed by Lt Genl Kirby Smith, Comdg. Dept to request, that you afford the firm of Messrs. Boulden, Riggs & Walker, every facility for carrying out their Contract with the Government for supplies of Ord & Ordn. Stores.

Their Contract allows them to take Cotton, purchased with their private Means across the "Rio Grande" and they are to be paid in Govt Cotton, (on the Rio Grande) for all Ord. and Ordn. Stores, delivered to Lt Geo. M. Sampson, Ord. Dept. Stationed at Brownsville. They have partially filled their Contract and now have on the road quite a large train loaded with these Stores.

There is a vessel - containing 2 Batteries of Light Artillery (Rifled), Ammunition &c, besides small arms - which is now at sea & it is of great importance that this Cargo should be obtained for the Government, and that the facilities above asked for should be granted Messrs. Boulden Riggs & Walker in order that those Stores be delivered as quietly as possible.

Lt Sampson has received all necessary instructions in relation to his part of the business.

I am General.

Respty your obedt Svt

(Signed) Thos. G. Rhett,
Maj & Chief of Ordn & Ord.

A true copy
Geo M Maguder A. Deptm. Trans Mis
A. Chf of Arty & Ord. Dept.

Rec'd Sept 18/63
Ans. C 13/63
Ans. C 15/63
1863

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Col. W. Broadwell
Shreveport La.

Office Cotton Agency
Alexandria La. Sept 7. 1863

Dear Sir.

I am in receipt of your favor of the 2nd inst. also the one written previously in

Sept 7th 1863 Alexandria La
Rec'd Sept 15th 1863
Ans
Lauderdale
Cotton Agent Red River
to Gen Smith.

Office Cotton Agency
Alexandria La. Sept 7. 1863

Col. H. A. Boudarel
Shreveport La.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 2nd inst. also the one written previously in ~~connection with Capt Stevenson~~ Maj. McKee left here for Houston on the 1st. inst. and will not return under 3 weeks. I suppose. I have been doing very well in getting off cotton lately, until last Saturday it was reported here that the Enemy were advancing on this place from Trinity, everything was packed up at Hd. Qrs, and they advised us to do the same. The alarm has in a great measure subsided but it is thought advisable not to start wagons from plantations for some days yet for fear it should be necessary to turn off the negroes. I hope that by the latter part of this week I will be able to start trains again regularly.

I received the order from Genl Smith No 118 enclosed in your letter, and was very much gratified to get it. The haulers are returning now and will want their cotton, and permits. I wish to know how

they are to procure these permits. May I've not mentioned to a great many planters that when they produced Dandy Smith's Receipts they would get at this office the Cotton and permits to take it to Brownsville if they wanted to. — They do want to, and what am I to do. The order simply says they are entitled to permits will they have to go to Shreveport to get them? This will be almost impossible the most of them have from 5 to 7 Bales, and it would hardly pay to go for so small an amt. Could I be furnished with some blank permits or will the permits be transferable? if so some party might buy them up and take a lot to Shreveport, I would like very much to have instructions from your Bureau on this subject as soon as possible, for unless I can speak by the card I will be annoyed very much by parties wanting permits.

I am extremely anxious, Col, to hear further from you concerning the exemption of my overseer. it is a hard case I should lose 52 negroes, because I can't find me useful in the office. I am ready to start my negroes to Texas, and am only awaiting the exemption. do please attend to this, it is all in all to me.

Yours very truly

Wm Thorer

M. M. Rohrer.
Sub-Agent=

Asks a report of Maj J-R Boardwell of the Canton Lauded by him to Niobrara Bluff—

Answered-
~~A~~ report has been made by Major B

Office Cotton Agency
Alexandria La. Feby 27th 1864

Col. W. A. Broadwell
Chf Cotton Bureau
Shreveport La.

Dear Sir

Please ask your brother
J. P. Broadwell to make a Report to this office of all
the cotton hauled by him to Niblets Bluff. when we
call on planters in St Landry for cotton they state that
it was all hauled by Maj. Broadwell. but they
have nothing from him to show that he took it. so
that until we get his Report we can do nothing

Yours Very Respectfully
W. W. Thorn Sub Agt
To purchase Cotton

Hamburg 13te Dec 1814.

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d. 15. 6. Richemont.

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M. RICHMAN,

COTTON & WOOL FACTOR,

General Commission Merchant.

Houston, Texas, July 17th 186-

Col W A Bradwell

Dear Sir

Your courteous letter of the 17th Inst has been received, I hand you inclosed, Capt Richardson Certificate, that the transportation has not been paid yet, touching the sale of the Sugar, it was closed with your friend,

Very Respt &c &c

M Richman

Office of Dy A C.S.
Harrisburg, Texas
November 9th 1863

This is to Certify that I this day at Beaumont Texas Caused to be taken for the use of the Army and the field Ninety four hundred and twenty four pounds Sugar, belonging to Robert Mr. Richmond of Houston Texas, & have this day paid Mr Richman for said Sugar. The transportation on same still remaining unsettled

Dan'l D. Richardson
Capt & A.C.S.
C.S.A. Army

Number 1621
D. N. J. Richardson

Asks relief of transportation
owning the employ of Late
Wm Barrett dec'd.

Shreveport La
13th May 1865
Rich.

Henderson Rusk County Texas May 4th 68

Capt W. R. Barret

Dr Sir

You are aware that I am a Refugee to Texas from Ouachita Parish Louisiana, that I arrived here in October 1863 — Immediately after my arrival I hired my Negroes to you as Agent of the Cotton Bureau & they have been in your Employ ever since I have only Negro teams & they are now in the service — The object of this communication is to apply to you to deliver me my teams — It is my only means of support for my family & a large force of Negroes many of them old & Children who are a dead expense — You know that I have been offered per repeatedly offered $50 & $60 pr month in Specie for each team and one man has lately offered me $75 pr month per team & I expected to take them out of the Govt service — feeling that a Patriotic duty required every man to aid the Cause all he could — but now the Crop is such I can buy absolutely nothing to feed or Clothe my People — my supply of Provisions is nearly exhausted — I will add that two of my Negro men died in the service last year & one made a great many efforts — I refused them promptly at my own expense

under all the circumstances I now respectfully ask you to deliver me my teams to enable me to make a support for my People & Family — I Can get them at this place to day $50 dollars Specie pr month for each of my teams & see no reason why I should not Avail myself of this means to support my family & Negroes

Respectfully & truly Yours

R. W. T. Richardson

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Transit Office

Henderson May 6/65

Respts referred to Col W A Broadwell for his information with request that he forward same to the Genl Comdg for his order in the premises with the remarks that the facts set forth by Judge Richison are substantially true calling the Genl's attention to the fact that this is but a beginning to loosing all the Transportation under my control. It is not to be expected that Citizens who are not in any way subject to Military duty will have their teams to me for Confederate money at Schedule price when other Govt Officers both State & Confederate are paying Specie at higher rates. Several Trains are now loading in this Town & Vicinity at $1.50 & 2.00 Specie per 100 miles with the right to purchase Corn at Schedule prices

This must be stopped at once or I must be put upon equal footing with other officers otherwise I will not have 25 Teams in ten days

W W Barret
Capt Trans Dept

1821 March 6

Anderson Ky 3 00

Rec'd Request to call & Bradner
for his information, with Remark
that if the Court allows her
Damages to make such Payments,
and give such Privileges as indica
shall or offend nothing right in the
Grant of My Deed, & Cannot refuse
to Issue a Single Private Warr in
My employ in a Work time; Nor
this Relief or give to the Same pow
ers granted to others

A. H. Bauch
Agent

Notice to Cotton Holders!

I am appointed, by Thos. F. McKinney Agent for the State of Texas for the transportation of Government Cotton, sub-agent for the counties of

RUSK, PANOLA, UPSHUR AND SMITH.

Members of the Reserve Corps between the ages of 45 and 50 or those holding proper certificates of disability, who are able to furnish transportation for as much as *FORTY BALES* of Cotton, can obtain a detail for that purpose on the following conditions: They will be allowed $1 50 in *SPECIE* for 100 pounds of each hundred miles, and will be allowed the privilege of transporting on their own account as many bales as they do for the Government and will be furnished forage at Government prices. Those wishing to make contracts on the above basis are requested to apply to the undersigned at Henderson Texas.

May, 4th, 1865.

W. M. DAVENPORT.

Shreveport Sep 27/65
D Ripley/622

Asstn Q. Bonds Grand
Can be Diverted & Sent
to Mace

Navy Agency
Navy Supply Office
Mobile 30th Sep 1865

Reply rec'd. Mr Sampson
Writes Brand that after
Landing the Cannon he
will not have fifty Galvs
on hand for the Gunt
Steamer, exp to the time
of Working he had on E.
Some 6 ft Wells 210
Galvs only out of over
3000 which he had
Shipped — And is of opinion
that the Gunt Steamer
Cannot be Loaded in
a reasonable time —
He is looking for the
Galatia Cutting which
I promised to Send to
him — and enem

Says I have been
Well acquainted with this
Work — This is Mistaken
I am and Will be
discouraging to him
When he Calls I have
failed in My plans
to Send them Cotton
Forward to Land on
Steamers
Contracted for
H.B
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Wm Black
Capt & Chief

file

Head Quarters, Trans-Mississippi Department,

OFFICE OF THE COTTON BUREAU.

Shreveport La 7th Jany 1865

Capt W. C. Black A.D.C.

Marshall

Captain, The following Telegram is this day received from Headquarters. "Large quantities of goods are at Waco Tex awaiting transportation Could not a train be sent to Waco to bring some of it to Marshall?"

Col Broadnax directs me to advise you of the above and inquire if it will be convenient for you to send a train to Waco to bring up the goods. Capt Bartlett is now at Waco and will give you all the information you may desire.

Very respectfully

Your obt Servt

[illegible]

Capt & A.A.G.

Houston 10th Apl 1864

D. Ripley 1626

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In regard to 800 bales of Cotton owned by Jno. L. Williams at Swonsons Landing on Red River — vid this dispatch —

Answd

Filed

Houston 10th April 1866

Col H. A. Broadwell
Chief Cotton Office
Shreveport La

Colonel, On the 8th inst in Conversation with an old personal friend (Mr John L. Williams who now resides at, and was on the eve of departure for Eagle Pass) he advised me that he had about 800 Bales Cotton in warehouse at Swanson's Landing a few miles above Shreveport which from the remoteness of his present residence was unavailable

The plan of the Cotton office which would be acceptable if the Cotton was near the Rio Grande would not benefit him as he had not the time to attend to the transportation of the half for which he would be entitled to exemption.

Desirous of rendering the Cotton of avail to the Country I proposed that he should open negociations with you in regard to it, believing that you might use it in its present location or could control transportation by which it might be moved and that he could offer inducements that would render its transportation advantageous

As his brief tarry here rendered time of importance I suggested that he should telegraph you offering the 800 Bales at Swanson's Landing in exchange for 200 Bales delivered at Fidens Negras.

To this he agreed and added, as American transportation was cheaper and could be induced to come within the State as far as the Colorado or Brazos, that his acquaintance on the Rio Grande would enable him to secure you American transportation from the interior of Texas to Eagle Pass if you deemed it advantageous

He accordingly telegraphed—

"I own eight Hundred Bales Cotton at Brownsville Landing"
"At Kirkley's suggestion I offer you three quarters without"
"Certificate for the delivery of the other quarter at Piedras"
"Negros and will secure you mexican teams from Austin"
"Washington or Brenham if desirable"

Your dispatch in reply is at hand and I duly appreciate the compliment you pay to my recommendation Could in this I do not offend any as questions are involved in regard to which I have no profer information.

Taking the Cotton office plan as a starting point the proposition amounts to selling One half (400 Bales) the Cotton for "Certificate at Specie Valuation" and then giving the "Certificate" and one half (200 Bales) of the Exempted Cotton for the transportation of the other one half (200 Bales) of the Exempted Cotton to the Mexican side of the Rio Grande.

If by foreign negociation or by your facilities of transportation, 800 Bales Cotton at Brownsville Landing are of more avail to the Country than 200 Exempted Bales at Eagle Pass then the Country is benefited, if otherwise.

Should this plan meet your approval Mr Williams would be pleased to be advised before he leaves for Eagle Pass that he may forward the necessary papers to you.

Very Respectfully &c
D. Kirkley

Houston 3d May 1866

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D Ripley.

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Refusing to accept an
appointment in the Act.
Treasy Dept with Judge
Gray.

Houston 5th May 1864

My dear Colonel.

I have my kind and flattering letter of the 28th ults. on hand on this evening. My duty - and I duly appreciate it as a high compliment to my abilities as well as the faithfulness with which I have endeavored to fulfil the duties assigned me -

The Judge added verbally, that your favorable opinion had led him to hope that I would consent to give him the aid of my services and control on the control of the office business of the Post Off

Aside from the delicacy I feel in taking part of a matter in which I am a party - for I confess entire ignorance of the details of the Treasury Department - there are other matters that led me to decline any definite response to his proposal.

I am aware of Maj Johnson's kind intentions and seek your aid to their fulfilment. Knowing the uncertainty of all matters of that nature I have regarded the fulfilment so problematical that I have never alluded to it except as an expression of my warm appreciation of your own and Major Johnson's kind regard. Yet I feel that it would be very improper in me to accept any position, no matter how flattering

without a sufficient lapse of time to them definitely in regard to the application.

I have several times felt duty urged that I consulted to permit the use of my name, for the unavoidable delay in hearing of the result of plans on in an embarrassing position in regard to matters in which I am moved to feel to take definite action.

Mr Hutchins has several times alluded to his desire that I should associate myself with him and my interest in the Cotton office gets crowned with success abstacles and impediment that is thrown in its way and I share fully the strongest desire to lend my aid in any capacity that would contribute with success.

In the possibility of being called to a wider field of action I have for months been working to such such arrangements as would insure no embarrassment should my present Connection be broken - to which I consider such consent unless I could be of more service elsewhere - and think I can do myself clear, But I am still so placed that I cannot in justice to myself make any definite promises for the future.

In looking over the Dodge Papers this evening I see clearly that there is an immense deal of work

for somebody to do, and we could not find certain destructions without which it would be a most unsatisfactory duty to attempt the organization of the detachment.

I cheerfully refunded my services at any hour of the day or night that they could be made available, should he accepted, and I shall see him soon again, and give him Jon.

If you hear from Maj Shelton or if you have any means of communication please advise me

Yours truly

D Hatfield

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Houston March 21st 1864

D. Ripley
to
Lt Col. R. A. Broadwell

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In reference to the
State Cotton plan in
Texas &c.

Houston Mch 21st 1864

Col Wm. A. Broadwell
Shreveport La
Dear Colonel.

I have been working under a heavy head of steam for some days not getting to bed earlier than 2 or 3 in the morning but I feel well repaid by having accomplished something toward putting the State Cotton plan on the shelf.

I shot Genl Nichols a heavy blow yesterday by having furnished his own attorney with sufficient evidence to secure an adverse opinion to the legality of the Bonds that he proposed to issue in payment of the Cotton purchased by the State.

The General leaves this morning with Maj Bryan for Austin on a visit to the Governor. to make some arrangement for future operations.

What will be done no man can tell but I have no idea that the General will relinquish a scheme that promises so much for the State and seems so much for him without a struggle.

I anticipate that the Governor will call an extra session of the Legislature to legalize what has been done or inaugurate some new plan.

At present, even if Genl Nichols should be willing to make a compromise I don't see how he can do so for he has pledged to the planters 6% State Bonds bearing a specie interest for the cotton purchased and there is no authority granted by the acts of the Legislature by which such Bonds can be issued. Before another Legislature can be called we will get the proceedings of the last Congress which may

slightly interfere with the proposed arrangements.

I don't believe the combining qualities of the State can pass an act that will destroy the Cotton office though they may impair its usefulness. and leave it more dangerous of its ultimate success and immense advantage than at the present moment.

The "Clifton" has been Cleared at Salem by an over sea Vessel for Boston this day falling into the hands of the enemy. Such are the particulars how I am writing.

She had aboard 900 Bales of Cotton on board and I understand that House, Hohnstedt, Champlin and Reichman are Chief mourners

Neither the "Hamlet Law" nor the "Alice" have yet gone out and the vigilance with which they are watched doubt improves the chances of this veil.

What do you understand the Currency Bill does with the Interest notes (2 4 per day)? Are they to be funded in the 5% Bonds? If not, having the double advantage of bearing interest and being available for currency they are the worst Currency and disadvantageous investment that can be made and will soon bear a high premium.

With kindregards to Col Allston and major Middleton

Yours truly

D. Ruhey

Houston 20th May 1844

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W. Ripley

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Referring to the action of the Texas Legislature with respect to the Duties of Attorneys

Houston 24th May 1864

Col. W. A. Broadwell.
Shreveport La

Colonel. I had supposed, that by the mail today we would have heard from Austin whether the Legislature had in their wisdom concluded to levy, draw and quarter the Cotton Office. But nothing definite has been done.

Their action rather indicates that they are in the blissful confusion of the man who rode the Elephant at a raffle, and though nominally in possession of the prize find it a very troublesome luxury.

It seems to have escaped the notice of the originator of the Bill that on the plan proposed he killed the State Programme as effectually as the Cotton Office and in the attempt to amend and improve on the first edition it is about an even chance that the whole matter will fall through.

But let them pass it. I, for one have come to that point that I don't care a damn whether they do or not.

The State has had a fair opportunity to aid the government by a contribution of a portion of the cotton, receiving a protection for the balance. That

were Cotton was retarded and under the liberal working of the plan of the Cotton office the planting this day can realize in gold more money for one half of the Crop than he owed for the whole fiscal year's organization.

If with these facts before the people they Choose to throw such impediments in the way of the office as will render its continuance impossible and a return to the old regime" the only alternative - I say, once, and most earnestly trust that Gov. Smith will immediately send orders to the Sub Treasurer to seize every Bale of Cotton that is not exempted by the Cotton Office or Confederate possessed by the State. and boldly meet the crisis by a removal of his order that the whole Cotton of the Country must be controlled by the military authority.

No Lapse should occur between the expiring of the powers of the Cotton office and the active operation of the Military authority as a single 'dies non' would allow Hundreds of Bales held by Speculators to slide across the Rio Grande.

Dr Smith returned today and I was pleased to hear from him of your temporal and spiritual welfare

He dictated confidently on your physical condition and warmed to enthusiasm on your whiskey.

Gen Viduarri arrived here a day or two ago and was honored with quite a 'reception', the courtesy of which was all very well, but I doubt the policy.

Today Gen Young's remains arrived and were conveyed, escorted by a military escort, through the city. And Berlin the City is now in the control of the Masonic fraternity who bury the funeral tomorrow.

No local news of moment. Capt Little is still confined at the present time by the foreman of his wife.

I have been about half used up for two days by the last worthy that brought on a touch of my old troubles but hope soon over it now.

With kind regards to mutual friends

Yours truly

Dakota 15th Nov 1863

Dear Father

I hope to go into the Country tomorrow for a day or
and rest that a little fresh air and rest may
our good

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Opening the

Yellow Stone

Houston 15th May 1864

Col Wm. T. Broadnax
Shreveport La

Colonel. Your favors of the 8th & 9th
Came duly to hand and the inclosures were promptly
delivered. Judge Gray had heard by Telegraph
of Maj Gs's intended departure and had forwarded
Some papers which left by him.

You have $5000 in 7.30 Cash Notes and $1896.75 of
other money at Co. Hutchings. which I have attend
to if you wish. Had I known that the funds
were there I could easily have turned them into
Confed notes at a Small premium. Cash the notes
now, are scarce and rate high.

I am glad that you found entertainment in
the perusal of the "Burnside Manuscript" which is certainly
a Small Specimin of an 'Official Communication'.

I have had several Conversations with Judge Gray
since I last wrote you) relative to the Treasury Office
and though very willing to give him any assistance
in my power I do not feel physically able to
assume the duties of organizing a department of which
I know nothing of its practical working, and when
if I should happen to "break-down" in Health the whole
matter might get into Confusion.

Gen'l Slaughter and Col Hutchings have within a day
or two suggested a desire that I should take charge of
the office of the Cotton Bureau at this place. but I have
felt so completely used up from the last week or two
that I have not felt equal to assuming the responsibility.
and again, in a simple Clerical Capacity I do not see
how I could accomplish much of anything that
those now employed cannot do equally well.

Your own words - "some distinct official position" in
active duty" are certainly much more in unison with my
inclination and ideas of usefulness. and such an assignment

duty would form a sad explanation that otherwise would be unavoidable in leaving a position when I had so long been regarded a "fixture" that the warmest personal esteem and highest business confidence had resulted.

I thank you for your kindness in proposing to learn through Major Bingham in regard to Major Johnston's action but assure you very frankly that I have had that confidence in the success of the Major and intentions that he so cheerfully entertains. In fact I did not know that he had the matter so much at heart till his letter from Shreveport referring to consolidating that he had had with Genl Smith in regard it led me to believe that he was in "right down earnest"

The Major's idea of making a "Specialty" of the Engineer portion of the Army and adhering down one to that, alone did not strike me as favorably at the time as subsequent events have led me to do. Being a willing worker and having had some experience in Engineering, I have had a mass of papers submitted to me within the last few months (covering with as numerous and classic endorsements as those that intelligent the 3/3 Mss) that convince me that the Major was right and that not one man in a thousand whose education and experience would make him an able Inspector of Works, Army Ordnance and Fortifications would be adapted to inspect with any degree of accuracy or justice the Engineering portions of the Army. Does not your experience lead you to the same conclusion?

I hope to go into the country tomorrow for a day or two and take that a little fresh air and rest me

Houston is willing to go for 1630

D. Fidler 263

Offering to take Engineering Mss

Thanking you kindly for your kind solicitude for my health

Yours truly
D. Fidler

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Houston 2d Jany 1864

Q. Ripley

to

Lt Col W A Broadwell

In reference to some Sugar composed by Capt Richardson at Beaumont. acknowledge receipt of your favor of 21st enclosing two letters which were duly attended to

Col W A Broadwell.
Asst Insp Gen
Shreveport La

Houston Dy 5th Jany 1863

Colonel.

I am favor of the 21st came to hand last evng covering two letters one of which I delivered in person to Mr Kirchman and the other I will forward to Mr Hale as soon as I can ascertain his present Post office address

I read the letter to Mr C as requested, and trust that the "irregularities" in his account can be satisfactorily explained

In actual conversation with Capt Richardson today I asked him how much sugar he impressed at Beaumont and to whom it belonged - He mentioning the name of Lyons, Frost and Kirchman as the parties with whom he settled and was under the impression that he paid the Cotton for 9 Hhds @ 25¢ per lb Cost had not paid for the transportation to which he thought the owners were entitled though under the orders of the Commissioners he did not think he could pay for a greater distance than they knew were transporting within the State

If I can aid you in this matter, give me the number, mark, shipper and consignee, and I will try to get the whole facts

I am little order Commander any "prompt abolition", but I know see that any memory of the quantity did not give me right for I removed the order and got one Comb and two pair Garters. I will however remedy the error if the "invoice" is satisfactory

I was under some fear that I would be discounted

in making the Selection, but I was not, for I could either take what I got or nothing. to neither credit nor discredit can be Charged to my taste.

The Stock of garters has 'given out' and the only article that was adifting was "Elastic" by the yard that I was assured by a wearing gentleman was the "very thing" as it only needed the skillful hands of a lady to fasten the Clasps - Is that the very thing are fixed?

There are a few more Combs left and if the one sent is the right kind - I am not certain, for 'tis so long since I have seen "Combs on the Head" that I am uncertain what a Tuck is! Draft me a line and I will duplicate the invoice. - The Current- Market active. Stock limited Combs (Tuck) $15. Firm - Elastic $3.00 per yard & Gilding.

I will get Jim Dutcher Notes in a Day or two and Collect the amount due and advise You.

I met Mr Simmons in the Street today and if I Cannot Conveniently get the little Package in an envelope I will send it by him when he returns.

I believe a letter handed me today that I believe Comes from England has from which place by the by I have letters to the 17th inst. a Dividing of major Lee Being there in good Condition of body and mind and carrying out the orders of the Board without fear or favor.

Having referred to the Business portion of your letter let me say that last, though by no means least among the items in your letter to which I wish to allude is the interest and kindness which you manifested in my behalf in forwarding the most exciting suggestions made by Major Johnson.

In my religion Colonel were to forget a comrade
retired or a former quarrel and the success or failure
of Major Johnson's anticipations will in no manner what
ever change my high appreciation of your sincere friendship.

The Major's idea was Helen that I should be
assigned to duty as Inspector of the "Cotton" portion
of the Department, not only to examine the papers sent to
Report on the "Administration and Execution" efficiency; to encourage
promptness efficiency and economy and check negligence
carelessness and waste - but I really was so much more
occupied in aiding him in making of more importance to the
Service than my own promotion; that I talked very little with
about it and left it in your hands to decide whether any action
should be taken. ...

That he should have taken so warm an interest in my welfare,
that you would so cordially have supported him and that the
action should have been endorsed by Gen Smith is a sufficient
compliment to my quiet exertions to do the County some good
if it were proceed any further.

Jane request that if my services were not required
in the Capacity proposed that I should be assigned to the
Cotton Bureau meets my cordial approbation. for I had
its success very warmly at heart in the assignment to duty
that Major Johnson proposed and I thought that I could
in that position do more to encourage and sustain it than in
almost any other.

The deep interest that I have in the success of the enterprise
leads me to believe that if I were to anchor from my
present place that I will surely drift into the Bureau in a

very short time.

Mr Ball very quietly told me the other day that they had not relinquished the reputation that I would be with them and of them and very kindly told me that Col Hutchins would give me the position of Purchasing Agent if I would accept it. and urged my especial adaptation for it from my occupation in business for years past. - I was certainly a very flattering proposal, but Major I and yourself had a mortgage on my services and I could only assure him of my appreciation of the proposal and that I hoped that time would enable me to give the Bureau my support in some tangible form.

I spent an hour with Col Hutchins this evening & appprised him of the intention of some of my Patriotic Speculators here to present their grievances to the Sec'y upon his arrival and to suggest that the Bureau should then prepare a simple statement of facts showing a contrast between the prices paid by the Bureau, and those paying in the past by these same disinterested individuals.

Very truly
L. Phillips

Col W. A. V. Goodwill.
Thompson Lo

Laredo 1633 July 4th

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W. Ripley

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Genl information in
regard to the condition
& disposition of the
Rio Grande

Arrowed Fish

Laredo Tex 23rd July 1864

Col. W. M. Broadwell
Houston Texas

Colonel. I had the honor of communicating with you on the 9th from Eagle Pass and a further investigation of matters on the ground entirely corroborates the views expressed therein as regards the general interests of the Cotton office.

The inferior condition in which Cotton arrives here is a matter deserving especial attention and can only be correctly met by the receiving and forwarding Agents complying strictly with instructions in regard to putting it in good order before shipment.

There is no press here, labor is very high, and with the best efforts a Bale cannot be put in good order for the same amount in Specie that it can for C.S. Notes in the interior.

Attention to this is of more importance from the fact that the condition of the Cotton has a marked influence on the price; in fact you can scarcely find a buyer for cotton in bad order which can readily be ascertained by following the roads over which Cotton has passed and seeing thousands of pounds that have been picked out of the unwound bales of cotton by the twigs of brushwood that line the roads. The loss of weight alone is an item of such importance that it should well repay the baling of every Bale that was such in bad order, and I would suggest that this rigid instructions be given to agents in regard to the condition of the Cotton forwarded by them. There cannot have been negligence in this matter for private Cotton comes forward in fair better order, and sensibly sells at better prices

I would also suggest that Agents be especially instructed to secure a fair division of the Crop in quantities and qualities.

The office has been swindled outrageously in the above by granting permits for a equal number of Bales to those turned over and as a result have received only the smallest Bales and the lowest grades, while a far larger quantity and better quality was reported under the exemption. A careful investigation into the Comparative weights of Cotton turned over to the office and the weights of finished Cotton shows that the latter runs from 50 to 100 pounds per Bale in excess. and as a correction of the evil in the future I would suggest that the number of pounds should be stated on the exemption rather than the number of Bales as the only means of securing a fair division where the entire Crop cannot be inspected by the Collectors of the Cotton.

Cotton should be put up in Bales weighing at least 500 pounds as it is handled Cost less; and as American Cotton, at a certain rate per "Bale" without regard to weight which gives a decided preference to heavy Bales. The weight is There is also a considerable saving in the minor details of handling, Hauling, Compress, duties, permits, etc when the Charges are made "per Bale"

The duty of the Collecting Agents to secure a fair average quality is very apparent but they cannot be too rigidly instructed to secure it. They must then be intrusted upon in the field or the crops can never be put in their finished operations.

A personal inspection and Selection can alone protect the office and I trust that it will be required of every Collecting Agents and that he report the condition and quality fully in making a return of his operations.

The "permit" or "exemption" granted by the Custom office on Cotton turned over for in the interior Town Cars for months an article of trade on the Rio Grande and Town Cars used on purchases of unexempt cotton at the point of exportation at the moment when it might Town Cars available to the office. The system avoids restrictions to prevent the abuses that may arise in the Custom and I would suggest that the Cotton for which the permit is given should be so described and identified that the permit can only be used on the identical lot for which it was issued. If desired let the "permit" be made for bonded lot so that in case of partial sale or shipment the "permit" may accompany the Cotton like a bill of sale or "Bill of Lading" and only be transferable with the Cotton.

I am assured that Bonded Whse Town disposed of nearly all the permits granted them and Town seem so many of them in the hands of speculators and traders that I think that they Town sold out.

Should parties in the future wish to deliver goods during Term in "permit". I would suggest that their actual possession of the Cotton should Town established and that the permit Town identified with the Cotton and that the price of exemption should Town approximated to the quality and location of the Cotton.

The present orders requiring Maj Mills's permit Custom the Cotton crossing the Constitutional line are present annoy abuses, such the form of speculation will Town during the transactions further in the interior and the frauds cannot Town carefully guarded against.

The beneficial effects of having "permit" "mind Custom animal Town can scarcely Town appreciated by any one who Town not seen the accumulation of Cotton on the Rio Grande offering the strongest inducements to raids, rascality, smuggling, swindling and a train of other evils.

Some definite arrangements must be made for the supply of the troops on the Rio Grande by estimates of boarded and commissioned officers to prevent the Cotton offices from the demands and reaction of military force.

Under the orders of Col Bonneville on the 10th inst Lt Lyndaker Asst Dms informed (68) sixty eight bales of Cotton in the hands of the agents of the Cotton office at this place and reported it under his (Lt L's) affidavit that it was exclusively the property of the Confederate States and as such the Collector of Customs gave a "permit".

The same procedure was attempted by Capt Howe at Eagle Pass as you have been already been advised, and the office is liable to a repetition equally embarrassing to their operations as it is detrimental to the service.

As this seizure above alluded to took place before my arrival and the Cotton had already passed into Mexico I took no action in regard to it. Col Bonneville supports Lt Watkins in case of any future seizure that he should make the strongest official protest against it and have called the attention of the Collector of Customs (Mr E Kleiber Deputy Col) to the orders of Genl Smith under the approval of Judge Hemphill requiring the signature of Maj Hillis before any permit can be given.

As orders No 34 and No 35. Dept Hd Qrts do not seem to me a sufficient protection to insure the Cotton office the exclusive control of the Cotton in the State I would suggest that an explicit order be given to the Commander on the Rio Grande that can neither be misconstrued or evaded.

Goods are dearer and high. Stocks are broken and Country desirable goods for army use are offered and there at a clear profit of from 75 to 100 per cent above Matamoras invoices.

Mr Perkins advises me that he has sent us a full list of the articles and prices to Matching that it is unnecessary for me to do so. Under the Circ that trade would soon open down the river there has been a 'breaking' in the Queen of Rope and Bagging and Mr P has made some purchases at prices 25 per off the selling Rate in most of the Stocks and shipped to Victoria Gonzales and Allyton. The invoices he will forward as soon as Settlement is made.

There is an Invoice of 500 or of Pilstin Denim c/f. and a few other staple things in the hands of Wm R.H. Chinn that Mr P proposes taking as it now exists and will see them this month.

There is another Invoice of things in the Hands of Seligson the which if pure on Cheap Rent they declare an inspection and without it Mr P does not deem it safe to purchase.

There is no stock worthy of mention of Blankets, Cloth or Shoes and the few that are there are held at high figures.

McMillan & Slade have delivered the larger half of their Coffee and Blankets in good order and the articles there been shipped into the interior as fast as receive, thus far all those sent to Allyton.

This is as plain to purchase and I am anxious that Mr P should close his matters there at the earliest possible moment and go to Matamoras. which is the only market adapted to the wants of the Dept and I feel that there is no time to lose,

In the belief that a nearer route to Matamoras is practicable I have carefully investigated the matter and would suggest that the following named route from the Southern portion of the Cotton region as the most available. viz Alleyton, Hallettsville, Clinton Goliad, Refugio, Beldens Crossing (15 miles above San Patricio) San Diego. and Rio Grande City. The distance is not little over 400 miles. the road good, grass abundant. water plenty. and by making a slight curve to the west from San Diego to Rio Grande City the Sand can be avoided.

The road from Rio Grande City to Matamoras on the Mexican side is excellent, distance 120 miles. and plenty of grass and water.

By this route nearly one quarter of the distance is Sand, the roads are Getting, water and grass more abundant. and time and money economising.

Aside from the distance it has the advantage over the Laredo route of avoiding the crossing of three streams on the mexican side, which are almost impassable in wet weather and the Ferriage of the San Juan river above Camargo where the toll is $10.00 per bale.

Should this route be deemed advisable I would suggest the availability of having an officer Stationed at Goliad to act under the orders of Maj Hillis in the issuing of permits. or with the certainty that with the route once opened that the great portion of the Cotton would pass over it. Maj Hillis might make it his own Head quarters.

When that cotton has already been turned that way Courts are not able to substantiate it. The probability renders it desirable that a representative of the Cotton Office should be stationed there at an early day.

Mr H. M. Perkins is indefatigable and should at the earliest moment possible to Matamoras where his talents and ability could be of more avail, and his operations assume a form commensurate with the wants of the Department.

A prompt, energetic officer should be stationed at Eagle Pass Laredo and Rio Grande City to receive and forward Cotton and supplies, and pay freights and duties. For the present it would be necessary to empower them to sell enough cotton to pay the Charges Cost at the earliest moment possible it would be desirable to supply them with funds from Matamoras either by the shipment of specie or purchase of bills.

Matamoras should be Head quarters and the officers on the line of the Rio Grande only be required to act as Transportation Agents, sending the Cotton with all possible dispatch to Mx and the goods into the interior

Mr Gillmore desires to be relieved and advises one that he has already applied to Col Hatchkiss. Like his Colleague Capt Hall he does remain and does give his assistance the benefit of his experience and assist him in every way in his power.

An extensive Systematic Business cannot be carried with a clerk Familiar with the receiving and forwarding Business. The necessary assistance to 'look up' transportation and make the arrangements with Mexican Teamsters can be procured here, better than in the interior

Should the Rio Grande City route be found it would be very desirable to have a Cotton Press there. the transportation of it from Matamoras would be comparatively light and it offers a field for individual enterprise that I trust will be a sufficient inducement for some one to take the matter in hand.

This is the last day of cotton passing without the permit of maj Willis and there is a much inferred 'rush' to get it across the river. dry Goods, Refts, or even floating it over and the most exorbitant rates are wanted and paid.

Major Cabell has issued this notice to holders of cotton and on Monday will commence operations. There must be a considerable quantity there that will come into this possession though it is impossible at present to estimate the number of Bales. The necessary authority from Maj Willis to explain the Cotton acquired by them was omitted in his perfect and he has written back for it and it will be sent by the time he has the cotton in hand.

No instructions have reached them in regard to the disposition of the Cotton shipped by maj Stark and now held by Mr Gillmore. If it is to be placed in the control of the cotton office it is desirable that instructions be sent at the earliest possible moment that the Cotton may be included in Matamoros.

Mr Perkins is making this arrangement to clear and I trust will conclude them at an early day. Each Bale arriving to be off and if he cannot definitely name the time of departure I will go in advance and post up on the market before his arrival.

Richard Fulton

Jno Robertson

D. Richardson

regard to the Colton office than originally thought. Enclosed

Hartford Feb 23 1863

D. Dibble Esq

Private

Dear Sir

As a "peace offering" for my negligence I herewith enclose the Richath document of the 2nd inst. quit perusal of which, I am certain will [illegible] a good", and Brighten your self after a hard days' work.

It is a bona-fide document, written by Mr Tibbles in behalf of his friend Mr Burrell (both of whom I think

The "Harriet Lane", "Alice", "Isabel" and a tail vessel "made out" last night

Houston 1st May 1864

Col. Wm. P. Woodall.
Shreveport La
Colonel.

I have been completely knocked up by the rush of approaching Summer that I have not been able to summon the energy to do a respectable days work in the last fortnight and consequently all matters that did not demand immediate attention I have postponed.

Your favor relative to Mr Williams Colton communication and the contents communicated to him on the eve of his departure for Eagle Pass.

The availability of the proposition rested on the supply of transportation which Major Stokes Lee had assured me was ample and largely engaged in hauling Cotton to the Rio Grande. Had I been aware of the direction of the waggons to which you refer I could easily have settled the matter then.

The quit letter that you wrote me on the 5th April giving the position and number of your forces; anticipating the probable movements and calmly predicting the result reads very prophetic now.

Lieut Smith has "found himself" and proved that the fate of the Trans Miss. Dept could be safely trusting in his hands"

Memphis Jan 13th 1863

D. Gilly Esq
Confidential
Private

As a "peace offering" for my negligence in not answering your kind letter of the 22nd ult. I herewith enclose the sketch document of the "Point of Rocks", and delighted you of after a hard days' work.

It is a bona-fide document written by Mr Bibler in behalf of his friend Mr Burrus (both of whom I think you met in Houston last winter) and after much solicitation Mr Bibler kindly permitted me the privilege of showing it confidentially to those friends whom I felt confident would duly appreciate its merits and I know of no one who will read it with a keener relish of all its points than yourself and only wish that I could be present to see you enjoy it

After perusing it yourself and giving any of your immediate friends who love a good thing the benefit of it please hand it to Dr Howard Smith who will return it to me.

It is but justice to Mr Bibler to say that his views in regard to the Cotton Office have materially changed since this document was written and he is now but only one of its most ardent supporters but holds strongly to the belief that the principles on which it is based will be adopted on the other side of the river and that not only Cotton but Ship Stores and Tobacco will be embraced in the plan.

Very Truly Yrs

D. Gilly.

Have you ever heard from Maj Johnson since he crossed?

Houston Texas
20th Dec 31st 1863

D-Ripley-

Col

Maj-Johnson- his tour of inspection- The visit of Col Allston their united efforts- surprised & complimented at the offer of a position on the Adjutant Gens Depart-

Houston 30th Dec 1863

Colonel

Major Johnston is now at Salem since returning here on Saturday night and early next week he is to wait for Thompson where he reports to Genl Allston.

His inspection has been as complete as time would permit and the beneficial results already known.

Inspections had never been made in this District that were entitled to the name till the visit of Col Allston, and to the united efforts of these officers the country is indebted to a decided improvement in matters here.

The only inspection in which they felt that they fell short of their wishes was in the detail of "accounts" and other "business portions" of the Department and in connection with Major Johnston on this subject I was surprised and compliment- ed at his request that I would permit him to use my name in recommendation for assignment to duty in the Adj Genl Department as Inspector Genl of the Dist[rict] making a specialty of accounts (though incidentally embracing other matters) and reporting direct to Richmond.

I did not entertain the very kind proposal at first as I felt doubtful whether my health would permit the untiring devotion that a faithful performance of the duty would involve and I did not wish to accept a position that I had not the strength to fill. - and again I had become so much of a fixture here that I did not see well how I could be spared.

But the pressing it on the grounds of duty and that it is a claim from which I have no right to shrink and I counselled that he might use my name if his deliberate judgment confirmed him in this views

Feeling that his favorable opinion is owing more to your flattering judgment than my abilities I desire that he should see you before he takes any action in the matter and as you regard me and love your Country

I beg that you will discourage all action on his part if you do not think I physically and mentally I am fully able to discharge the duties with credit to myself and benefit to my Country.

As far as my personal feelings are concerned I desire to be placed where ever my services can be of the most avail.

My Superintendence of business in your part has called my attention very closely to an approximating line of duty to the one named, which added to my familiarity with the routine of business in the various departments, and rather rigid ideas of economics would give me advantage over those of less experience

The position is honorable, opens a wide field for usefulness furnishes abundant occupation for mind and body and gives an opportunity for the fulfilment of the expectations of those I am proud to hold as friends, among whom none would be more gratified than our mutual friend Mr Huntington (God bless his generous soul) who has ever taken to warm an interest in my welfare.

Aside from the warm personal feelings that bind me here there is only one objection that I could raise and that may be a serious one. It is not the labor nor the responsibility all that I desire most cheerfully; but in these degenerate days when "an officers pay is not equal to a gentlemans board" (of which you have had some experience) the assignment to duty without the means of footing your bills would embarrass all action and frustrate every effort.

God knows that the disposition of the financial matters is needed and if assigned to the duty I would keep at it as long as I could raise a dollar but there is an end to all things and having no claim for a position that would 'pay the way' I would very soon be waiting "further orders"

I have written you as fully and frankly as if we had been talking with you, stating the matter as it has presented itself to me and beg to ask from your wider experience and better judgment as frank an expression in return. (leaving it entirely discretionary with you whether you write before or after you see Mr Johnson) and assuring you that I am perfectly willing to leave the decision in your hands.

Yours truly
J. Ripley.

Col W. A. Broadwell
Shreveport
La

Rec'd 1635
Lagos 12 Decbr.

D. Ruskey.
845

Reporting progress
on his way to Houston.

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Wrack Lines 12th Dec 1862

Col W A Bradwell
Thrumpton Sa

Colonel, I am pleased to be able to report myself Chief for duty on my, though to my great disgust am confined to bed over three one days. I left with Capt Barnett the final Assigned for time, and he expressed great gratification at receiving so liberal a sum. He had even thought it possible that you could get more than 50 - 75 and when I told him that I had got the whole this lunch and rest round "great Heavens! Send the Colonel a whale"!

The weather has been terrific and we have had the whole storm from the Temperance quite. My moustache frozen as stiff as an icicle and as I attempted to refresh my inner man from the Flask of Jan "Providently filled at the Off Look approached my lips it made a sound like a deer going through a Cane-brake. The only effect the weather has had on me yet is in the sharpening of an already good Appetite and I don't think the Landlords have made much out of me notwithstanding they did charge 1/6 additional for a little pork and Cornbread

How often V.K. Walker [illegible] "leagues" — "leagues" from Champoeik with me — the Colonel or me "major" — In Chinese name Legion?

[illegible] me kindly as the major — with [illegible] on

Truly yours

W. Walker

Lieut. [illegible]
D. [illegible]
[illegible]
Fighting
in his

B/636

Montgomery Ala. 21st 1861.

Lt. A. N. Lewis,
In Charge in Cotton Office.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Communication of this date, and while I thank you for your offer to relieve me of the responsibility of my mission here beg to assure you that I am willing to assume it all myself.

It will serve you appreciate an earnest desire to take a portion of the Money which would relieve the immediate wants of the officer, and proceed with it to the Customs, leaving me to arrange the balance.

I complied with your wishes and on the 15th. inst placed $19,202.94 in your hands, which was all that could be procured in Selma. And supposed that you would have en route before this date, though I am aware of the obstacles that prevented.

My own plans for the arrangement of the balance have been interfered with from the same causes, & I have not yet been able to procure Gold or Exchange which would have spared the Govt. several hundred dollars.

The Chief Police Mr. Aguilar advised me on yesterday that he had no advice of Gen. Twiggs's forces being at Camargo. And if they were not there I would be compelled to pay an extra Duty of about $1800 at that place. And mentioned it last evening as a matter of importance and one that demanded every precaution on my part to protect the Govt. Interest. I regret that you do not consider it of Material Moment; but till I can call with Mr. Quintero on the Treasurer And place the facts before him I am not prepared to forward the $30,000 in Specie. Should this not meet your views you are at liberty to leave with the Amount you have in charge as soon as you give me Receipt for Same.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
C. Pickley Agt. &c

Note.

Lieut. Lane did not propose to start with a portion of the express. but Maj. Broadwell died on Mr Ripley's assertion that he could find enough gold for sale. Lt. Lane proposed to take $10,000 silver also, which Mr Ripley approved as the amount the Conveyance could not carry &c.

In the 15 th $14,14 gold were obtained & $15 00 silver passed through the Custom House. Lt Lane expected jurisdiction to cease as it was now hospitable to carry the whole in two ambulances. Mr. Ripley refusing to go that way as being laborious, &c. Lt Lane out of the money in his pocket bought an Ambulance on the 24 th inst. Mr Ripley was induced to start in it for the frontier.

Signed J C Broadwell

Major U.S.A.

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Monday 16th October 1804

My dear Roland

I have a matter of deep interest with that duty called you into the interior and thereby deprived me of the anticipated pleasure of your company through a country of historic interest in the past and teeming with importance in the present and future.

It is probably a fortunate circumstance that you departed for visit Richmond till a more convenient season for the Potts deem to whom Cowpens to despise it of all possible pleasure and advantage. The Rain it rained every day and instead of the clear, crisp air of the mountains in which I reposited to divert mind I have found it the damp, pitch Climate that has fallen to my lot for many a day and anything but delightful either under foot or over head.

The depth can only be found upon penetration. That is to say they were hounds if pointing to a pile of filing as large as a good sized clothes press and saying with a deal of gravity "That pile there is it" "you displeased" is the way to honor them.

I have thought of Punch's lucky man who won an Elephant, "forty times since that day and think if I could meet them once I should return the most cordial sympathy.

There are now hundreds of thousands of dollars in Silver in this Place waiting the opportunity of safe transportation to the line of the R.R. Ground and into the interior. Both the holders are afraid to send till the Government can give a sufficient guard to insure safety.

The unsettled state of the country has warned into life and activity a class of people whose normal condition was never better than thriving and who now have openly taken the road.

The Government believing that little liberation of that nature produced to good order should have of the gentlemen last week: three yesterday and three-o'clock a dozen more on hand who will probably share the same fate at an early day.

The French troops have returned to the interior of the country and Gen Mejia has not yet arrived from Cuba so that there is not a sufficient guard to return to the merchants the protection that they deem necessary before they will forward a Spanish train.

Gold is so much more compact that it can be easily & speditiously transported and consequently is in demand and commands a premium and in any difficulty to procure at any rate. Through the kind services of Mr Quintero I reached the town for Gold and I think while on the Sands I would then chased a Doubloon almost as far as Capt Price would a Cotton Bale.

By diligent inquiry I succeeded in procuring almost enough to take up the smaller bills and the amount has been counted and is in the hands of the Major and Lt Lane to go forward as soon as the clouds clear [illegible]. This amount since I last returned the immediate wants of the office at San Antonio and before it is exhausted I trust that I will be able to send the Balance there and subsequent [illegible]

To the Confederate Commissioner at this place Gen J. A. Quitman I am indebted for many many acts of personal kindness and courtesy during

His hands and head are ever open to any C.S. citizen who visits Brownsville & in all matters pertaining to the interest of the Confederacy he is prompt; energetic and decided.

In all personal, political and official association he is on the square & turns with the power that reigns and in the circle that I have made with him on [illegible] matters of business I have been gratified by the assurance volunteered by those highest in authority that every possible advantage [illegible] to the Confederate citizens who came hitherward to increase the Commerce and develope the resources of the country.

Mourning since has the civil and military Dept of the three States of Tamaulipas, Nuevo Leon and Coahuila and here the Republics were astride, and only agent that an equally intelligent gentleman can [illegible] found in representing the C.S. in the Mexican Capital - Matamoras.

The fruits are very good, and [illegible] only
Gifted with the command power of [illegible] guilty I
should "drop in" on you this evening with a
a basket of fruits. Oranges and apples are
handy to be [illegible] with. They are
very Cheap and I have been very [illegible]
attentive in mind and rather a fine or cheap
account.

Major Duncan & Dug or two since suffered very
deliverably to the letter bearing by you when in
Jos, and in the conversation alluded to the fact that
he had received no reply. I assured him that
I was aware of your receipt of the letter and mentioned
to him your demand at the time that nothing was
further from your intention than to do him any
personal unkindness or official injustice and that
I felt confident that you had so responded yourself
and that the letter had miscarried. Major D.'s
family are now here & are staying with Mrs Quinton (?)
whose they are related.

Major Lee and family are also here. Both were
down for the Matinee.

I have written to Maj Lee and Capt Campbell in
accordance with your instructions and inclosed to the
latter a list of Prisoners for two days.

With kind regards to mutual friends I remain
My dear Colonel Yours truly
Col Herbert Brodrick

Monterey 16th Oct 1846

Col W.H.T. Broadwell.
Chief Quartermaster
Texas

Colonel. In compliance with your instructions I proceeded from matamoras to this place when I found Major Broadwell and Lieut Lane awaiting my arrival

I have been delayed, much to my mortification by circumstances beyond my control, and have as yet been partially, unsuccessful in procuring the means

The unsettled state of the country - the great difficulty of procuring Gold - the impossibility of getting Drafts, and the risk and delay incident to the transportation of 40000 lbs Silver, are the leading causes of my embarrassment.

By reducing the troops of every description in Texas to the lowest standard I have been able to dispatch $20000 and have placed the amount in the hands of Maj B & Lieut L who will leave at the earliest practicable moment and I trust that their early arrival will relieve the immediate necessities of the Officers.

The Colonel Shall Command my best attention and I trust soon to arrange down Palmo that will enable me to complete the remittances and by doing so that I may join you as directed at Walnut Hill

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Z. Taylor
Maj Gen U.S.A.

Nov 3rd 1838
J J Mason
Capt

Capt Black —

Christian County Ky.
Nov. 5th 1838.

Lt Harding's letter relative to Hawkins operations and the evidence he has been able to get, has been rec'd. that I am unable to send any legal evidence to send with, unless I send up the parties from whom I took the depositions in a criminal case as to be examined, for the reason that it is a constitutional right of all criminals under our laws to be confronted by the witnesses against them — It strikes me that there is no

Capt Black

Nov 5th 1864

Dist Columbia Cooms Cmdg

Nov 5th/64

Lt Haidus' letter relative to Bowers operations and the evidence has been rec'd. That I am unable to get any legal evidence to send up, unless I send up the parties from whom Brand took the Govt. to Florence depositions in a criminal case are not admissible, for the reason that it is a constitutional right of all criminals under any laws to be confronted by the witnesses against them. I think we that there is no

further evidence required to convict him of selling Cotton to the enemy's trading boats. That the papers sent up - one of which was a letter from him to Edwd. Smith admitting that he had Cotton in his possession & certain persons and sold it to the enemy - All that I consider necessary is to introduce this letter and prove the handwriting, and the case is made out against him as fully as if a hundred witnesses had sworn to it. Mr. Handies letter could be read & the testimony of be taken down here - Such evidence would be applicable on the trial The only evidence you want is proof of the handwriting, and that can be got through the Sheriff of Chickasaw Parish - Bvt Maj Gen J. H. Wilson Maj Gen

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Amount of Govt. Cotton removed from Sheds, when Stored by Maj. Lt. T. Robinson, and disposition made of same

No. Bales	From County	When Stored
40	Lt. A. Moody	His Plantation
15	L. H. Montgomery	" "
4	L. H. Robinson	" "
28	C. E. Spencer	" "
12	H. A. Hardy	" "
108		

	Ashley Co.	
48	L. G. Morgan	Lds Plantation
10	J. H. M. Kirkpatrick	Shed
44	T. J. Ford	Plantation
39	L. Cason	" "
42	L N. Nilo	" "
31	L. N Scott	T. Summ's "
7	H. A. Herod	H. M. Lucas "
19	L. A. Garner	Barracks "
33	W. B. Rumelow	His Dadd "
121	W. A. Herod (Subject to Order)	H. Young Lds
21	Joel Wilson	His Plantation
54	Mary Nancy	Est "
311		

Total amt removed from Sheds as per above Statement 313

Bales 448 of which have been used for Govt. Purposes, and accounted for Balance Stolen from Big Bayou, and Grants when the same was deposited by me, The Spencer Hardy Cotton was Gin'd, & not on the list furnished me by Capt. Fitch

James H. Robinson, Major
& Adjt. for Cotton Bureau
T. A. Dept.

time -

Col. W. A. Broadwell
Ch. Cotton Bureau
Shreveport La.

Aug 3. 1864

Very Respy. H. Offt. to
Jno. F. Robinson Major
Actg Jr. Cotton Bureau
T. Tr. Dept.

Christ Comdy, Arks.
Aug 3rd 1864.

Col- I have the honor to enclose for your information a statement of the number and weight of bales of cotton used by me; also the number of bales removed from these stores and disposition made of same- I am still collecting small lots from divers persons who had removed it to keep it from being stolen and when all I shall be able to collect can be put together I will send you a statement in full of all cotton received for by me as removed from the stores there stored-

Enclosed I also send you a receipt given by Capt J Munson for cotton taken by him from the stores there stored- This is only one of many given by this man who with a band of some 30 or 40 men made his business to protect those who were stealing the Govt cotton, and escorted their wagons to the Miss. River & the enemy's trading boats- He took a great deal of the cotton in my district and by his example and the protection he offered induced many to desert who would never perhaps have engaged in it- He should be punished if caught- He left for parts unknown when I came down with the troops furnished me- He is what he signs himself an Officer of the 3rd Ark. Regt. of Cavalry-

I have just returned from Union County where I went to seize, under orders from your office, some cotton belonging to one Whitenburg

I went to El Dorado Landing where the cotton was stored and learned from Mr Staples who had it in store that it was burnt about the middle of April with some 300 bales of cotton belonging to other parties- There is no doubt of this- I endeavored to find out if he had any other cotton in that county but could learn of none-

I have made a quiet and careful inquiry in regard to the cotton which Mr Chidester said he had in my district in his communication to Maj Genl Price, but can hear of no cotton owned by him- My impression is Chidester merely had a purchase in view when he made the application for permission to remove it near the Miss. River, intending to consummate the trade if the permit was obtained- I understood he intended buying some 400 bales of cotton owned by a Jew named Cohen in Ashley County, but it has not been done-

While in Union County I learned from a citizen of high standing that a cotton speculator named Judge Sharp with one Stallings had stolen all the Govt cotton stored at Wilmington- I do not know that Mr Parham got this information- This man Sharp came to see me about two weeks ago and proposed to ship me 100 bales of cotton for Yankee goods, and at the same time informed me he had one thousand bales in the county around some in my district and a good deal in Union County and in Union Parish La. This man is loyal- I have had also other and I have heard persons say he had shipped cotton to the Yankees- I think his cotton should be taken for use of the Govt and the cotton of all speculators and we have a good many of them here- I believe (and now advise) that the only way to prevent speculation in cotton and traffic with the enemy is to seize & impress all in my district as it has such an extended front on the Ark. & Miss. Rivers and is difficult to guard- There are several persons engaged in buying cotton with the expectation that something will turn up to enable them to smuggle it through the lines- I would advise you to send an agent to buy the cotton of this district particularly that held by speculators and failing to buy that they be instructed to impress- The cotton will go out some time or other by unfair means and if it goes out of the country the Govt should be the only beneficiary- This speculator Sharp has been buying cotton in my district at one

dollar (confiscate) per bale - And everything such men do is prejudicial to the interest of the Govt.

The troops under my command have captured 28 bales of cotton on the way to the Miss. river - I have the names of the owners of some of it but some of it is unclaimed having been abandoned when the owners were too closely pursued by those in pursuit of it. What shall I do with all such cotton? I think not only the cotton found going to the enemy but the teams and negroes engaged in hauling it should be confiscated -

Campbell & his agent has not been heard from since he went to Memphis - I fear some difficulty with the Federal authorities is the cause of his detention - He has 134 bales bought and paid for, and the agent now here has 400 bales bought conditionally and says he can buy 500 or 1000 bales in my district unless speculators out bid him as they have done in several instances - I have got together 250 bales of Govt cotton and I think will recover the greater part, nearly all, of what has been, and removed from the sheds - There is accumulated at a bend in Ashley County, about 30 miles from the Miss. river a little over 350 bales of cotton, but I can do nothing with it until Mr McD returns - I am also collecting Govt cotton and will continue to do so until the last bale we had is gathered up - Mr Parham started up a few days ago and can give you more full and detailed particulars in regard to matters and things here -

Say to Mr Parham that Mr Hayes of Edwards Ferry Union Co informed me that he had in his enclosure five bales of Govt. cotton concerning which he says no one has ever made any inquiry since he sold it - Mr P. may not have any account of this cotton - I was also informed by the Ferryman at Moro Landing on the Atchafalaya River that part of a lot of cotton there belongs to the Govt -

There is some 40 or 50 bales of cotton at Marie Salines Landing in my district belonging to some N. Orleans men, and the gentleman who owns it on Steele, Mr Christian, informed me that he would like the Govt to impress it as he could not keep it in order owing to the depredations of passing troops -

It is exceedingly difficult to prevent illicit trade with the enemy owing to the tempting inducements held out to our citizens to trade by their trading boats, and I have no hesitation in advising you to send an agent here immediately to purchase, and impress if necessary, as much cotton as possible in order to prevent the demoralization of the people growing out of intercourse with the enemy -

I am just informed this evening that Sherman has been badly whipped and is retreating, and that Washington City is certainly in our possession. The Yankee comes to me from three different sources and I believe it is true -

Very Resp. Yr. Obt. Svt.
Jno. F. Robinson Major
Actg Asst Cotton Bureau
T. Dept.

Col. W. A. Broadwell
Asst Cotton Bureau
Newport La.

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Chief Q.M.
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Chicot Co. Ark.

3d August 1864

Maj J. F. Robinson

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Enclosing statement of no bales cotton used in exchange for goods &c in Wm. Ashley's Chicot Co's Ark — 343 bales —

Referring to the conduct of Capt Bart. Johnson & enclosing one of his receipts for cotton taken &c &c &c.

Number and weight of Bales of Cotton
expended and transferred by Major J. F.
Robinson acting for Cotton Bureau C. S. A.
and already accounted for in Summary
Statement to April 1st 1864.

1	260	1	450	1	475	1	470	1	380	1	410	1	400	1	460	1	430	1	460
2	365	2	425	2	350	2	406	2	385	2	450	2	390	2	450	2	440	2	430
3	340	3	500	3	345	3	340	3	340	3	464	3	375	3	450	3	450	3	430
4	460	4	460	4	490	4	425	4	400	4	450	4	420	4	490	4	430	4	430
5	480	5	360	5	370	5	390	5	420	5	400	5	447	5	430	5	470	5	430
6	360	6	243	6	378	6	405	6	345	6	400	6	390	6	470	6	425	6	470
7	485	7	440	7	420	7	450	7	360	7	440	7	350	7	425	7	392	7	480
8	480	8	485	8	425	8	435	8	450	8	450	8	430	8	480	8	464	8	470
9	485	9	445	9	410	9	404	9	430	9	400	9	340	9	490	9	450	9	450
10	495	10	320	10	475	10	355	10	420	10	390	10	430	10	450	10	420	10	420
	4210		4168		4138		4130		3931		4150		3935		4491		4470		4470

1	420	1	430	1	430	1	475	1	410	1	460	1	460	1	456	1	380	1	460
2	400	2	440	2	410	2	485	2	410	2	450	2	430	2	474	2	470	2	420
3	470	3	400	3	460	3	430	3	404	3	450	3	430	3	412	3	406	3	430
4	410	4	425	4	435	4	465	4	392	4	450	4	490	4	302	4	362	4	490
5	420	5	405	5	460	5	470	5	380	5	490	5	430	5	418	5	400	5	450
6	420	6	450	6	480	6	450	6	460	6	430	6	470	6	300	6	425	6	490
7	430	7	430	7	440	7	460	7	500	7	434	7	425	7	422	7	410	7	460
8	370	8	420	8	430	8	465	8	460	8	436	8	392	8	450	8	420	8	450
9	445	9	420	9	410	9	490	9	440	9	450	9	464	9	440	9	440	9	420
10	420	10	340	10	480	10	490	10	450	10	478	10	450	10	418	10	450	10	420
	4205		4225		4435		4680		4306		4444		4294		4087		4456		4470

1	460	1	380	1	450	1	400	1	430	1	402	1	456	1	476	1	435	1	380
2	420	2	472	2	450	2	450	2	410	2	416	2	474	2	464	2	458	2	550
3	430	3	406	3	400	3	436	3	416	3	430	3	412	3	460	3	416	3	500
4	490	4	362	4	410	4	420	4	410	4	420	4	302	4	434	4	460	4	510
5	450	5	366	5	380	5	400	5	390	5	470	5	418	5	450	5	400	5	540
6	490	6	400	6	410	6	438	6	434	6	425	6	300	6	438	6	382	6	480
7	460	7	425	7	470	7	420	7	444	7	392	7	422	7	450	7	400	7	380
8	450	8	410	8	405	8	400	8	440	8	464	8	450	8	450	8	410	8	470
9	400	9	420	9	452	9	435	9	424	9	420	9	440	9	424	9	430	9	425
10	420	10	416	10	385	10	470	10	480	10	440	10	418	10	476	10	425	10	510
	4470		4066		4250		4385		4228		4279		4087		4464		4216		4642

1	435	1	410	1	430	1	434	1	466	1	450	1	476	1	440	1	450	1	470
2	458	2	440	2	410	2	406	2	480	2	358	2	464	2	450	2	450	2	480
3	416	3	420	3	415	3	452	3	460	3	430	3	460	3	420	3	420	3	470
4	460	4	420	4	490	4	432	4	450	4	456	4	434	4	450	4	442	4	457
5	460	5	410	5	470	5	410	5	450	5	448	5	460	5	450	5	450	5	454
6	382	6	416	6	460	6	454	6	434	6	460	6	452	6	438	6	450	6	455
7	400	7	410	7	510	7	366	7	436	7	452	7	350	7	450	7	450	7	442
8	410	8	410	8	400	8	420	8	450	8	450	8	440	8	450	8	450	8	457
9	430	9	410	9	424	9	440	9	450	9	450	9	450	9	450	9	450	9	542
10	425	10	410	10	420	10	434	10	478	10	450	10	450	10	424	10	424	10	455
	4216		4166		4429		4278		4444		4294		4546		4450		4450		4636

1	380	1	470	1	450	1	490	1	450	1	440
2	550	2	480	2	540	2	500	2	450	2	450
3	500	3	540	3	514	3	460	3	464	3	420
4	510	4	514	4	453	4	510	4	450	4	450
5	540	5	485	5	442	5	472	5	530	5	442
6	480	6	397	6	457	6	460	6	506	6	450
7	387	7	450	7	542	7	500		2800		410
8	470	8	440	8	455	8	550				3012+
9	440	9	400	9	436	9	570				
10	480	10	470	10	456	10	516				
	4642		4636		4775		4968				

+ Purchased by Major J. F. Robinson

Aggregate of above 343 Bales = 148,828 lbs of Cotton.

In addition to the above already accounted for in said Summary Statement there were 5 (five) Bales weighing as follows 410 520 720 510 = 2500 lbs delivered to Col Chas. J. Dimbull Asst, Supt, Gen. by special order from Dept. Hd. Qrs, he to pay 25¢ per lb -

I certify that the above is a true and correct Statement of the Number and weight of Bales of Govt Cotton expended and transferred by me. 1st June 1864.

James F. Robinson, Major
Asst. Qr Mstr & Agent
T, Dn. Miss

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Exempting the
Cotton of J. J. J. -
Robinson et al
dep - 75 - to be
Letter by Gen
Bee

120 pm 96

Hd Qrs Cotton Bureau

Shreveport 23 Aug 1865

It is the wish of Lt
Genl Smith to facilitate
the introduction of goods
into Enable planters
to secure the necessa-
supplies Brig Genl Bee
(end at Brownsville to
has procured A Letter 20%
cent of the Cotton grow
in that district for
Government purposes
The Cotton of J B Robinson
J J Pringle C D Stewart
L Williams S D Miller
+ Jno Williams in the
158 ½ gate 350 B/ Cotton
is exempted from impress
ment Less B Called for by
Genl Bee W. A. Broadwell
Lt Col & Chief of C. Bureau

(Copy.)

Houston August 17th 1863.

To Maj Genl Magruder or Lt Col W A Broadwell Chief of the Cotton Bureau

Dear Sir

The Undersigned in Con
nection with four other Sugar Planters refugees
from Louisiana viz. C D Stewart for Yourself and
Lt. Bingle Dr A Miller and Wm Williams and Fr.
Saturnin have purchased and are now moving on
the Auctions of Brownsville about 350 Bales of Cotton
20 per Cent of which we expected to turn over to the
Government and now the balance to get the Clothing
for Our Negroes and Supplies for Our families We
own about 900 Negroes now in the State most of
whom are Now in the Government Service We Understand
that under the New Arrangement adopted by the The
Cotton Bureau ~~at Galveston~~ will be taken possession
of for Gov account unless specially exempted from
impressment Which we respectfully request done
in Our Case as a Means of enabling us to Clothe
Our families and Negroes and enable us to render that
Service to the Government Which we have ever done and
will be Our pleasure to do not only with Our Negroes ~~and~~
~~Our Negroes~~ but with Our means & Arms about 80
or Forty in Number We trust The equity of

of Our request will seem upon your favourable
Consideration and that our request may be granted
I pray Very Respectfully
your obt sts
S. B. Robinson

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the author -

I am Capt. very Respy
Yr. Ob't Sert.
James F. Robinson, Majr

Smith County, Ark.
Nov. 4/04

Capt.

Recently while a Surveyor (who called on you with Col Nelson while they were in these parts), was in this neighborhood he called on me to ascertain what had become of (8) eight bales of his cotton which he said Capt Spring had captured near Gaines' Landg. Cast Spring, and which he informed me you said had as a reprisal for the run part of this cotton which Genl Smith as Quartermaster by Capt Spring by my order, because the Texan he had to steal it. They stole 2 two bales and Capt. Spring received ($160) one hundred and sixty dollars for the proceeds in gold. Enclosed I have the honor to submit for your information Capt. Springs report of the burning of cotton Cast Spring which we don't be included the Surgeons 8 bales which had been purchased out of the lines. Also Capt. Spring's statements in regard to the two bales stolen by his men. The $160 in

pers you will remember was deposited at your office a few days ago. I deem it proper to make this statement and send these reports of Capt Young lest there should be any misapprehension in regard to the disposition made of the Captured cotton, & the policy also send an additional report of cotton furnished the clothing bureau all of which I hope will be found correct -

I have forwarded through Capt. Polk my response to the charge preferring sixty dollars per bale for the privilege of passing cotton to the enemy - It is a base slander as soon as rec'd I called on Mr Summerhow the planter referred it - he denied ever having made any such statement, and at the same time gave me a written statement on honor, and in the presence of witness that such was not the case &c - I hope the matter will be investigated until Gen. Smith is fully convinced that it is a slander when I presume he will furnish me the name of the author -

I am Capt. very Respy
Your Obt Svt.
James F. Robinson, Majr
&c

Capt. W. C. Black
Adjt. Cly of Cotton Bureau
Shreveport La

Jas. F. Robb 1844

Additional Statement of Cotton Transferred by Majr J. F. Robinson acting for Cotton Bureau D. M. D.

Dated 1864	No. of Package	On what account	No. lbs	Remarks
Sept 3d	A	Transferred to Maj W. H. Haynes	3311	

I certify that since my summary Statement of Cotton transferred and Expended to April 1st 1864 was forwarded, I have turned over the above quantity of Cotton to Maj W. H. Haynes through his Agent Capt Jno. V. Spring - This was to liquidate some balances which Capt Spring had not paid at the time said summary statement was prepared.

James F. Robinson, Major
Actg. Jr. Cotton Bureau D.S.

Received of Maj Lus G Robinson acting for Cotton Bureau (3311) Three thousand three hundred and Eleven pounds of Cotton for which I am to account to Maj Gen H. D. Haynes Chief Clothing Bureau Thos. Sept 3rd 1864

John D. Spring
Capt & A.Q.M. for Clothing Bureau

Maj. J. A. Robinson's
1645 Papers -

Summary Statement
of
Cotton Expended & Transferred
to
April 1st 1864.

Summary Statement of Cotton Expended and Transferred by Major J. F. Robinson acting for Cotton Bureau T. M. D. to April 1st 1864

Date	No of Voucher	On what account	Lbs.	Remarks
1864				
April 1	A	on Baling Material	27144	
" "	B	" Federal Currency	16000	
" "	C	Transportation of Cotton	105684 "	
			148828 "	

I certify that the foregoing is a correct Statement of all the Cotton Expended, Transported or otherwise disposed of by me to April 1st 1864

James F. Robinson, Major
Actg. for Cotton Bureau
T. M. D.

Chicot County
April 1st 1864

9 Invoice. 1646 14. July 1864.

Bagging. Rope & Twine

Maj J. T. Robinson

Abbeville Co Arkansas
Feby 14-1864

Service of Bagging & Ropes & Ironing
Furnished by Major J F Robinson
to Col W A Broadnax Chief Cotton
Bureau February 14-1864 —

7580	lbs	Rope (in 5/1 Coils)	10 cts	758.00
5300	Yds	Kentucky Bagging (53 Rolls)	20 cts	1060.00
22000	"	India do	20 cts	44000
2		Wood & Bailing Irons at 15,00 Each		3000
				2288,00
		add 50 pr Cent		11440
		Amount Payable in Cotton —		3432,00

Chief C. Artillerist 1647

20th Feby 1864.

Maj Jas. F. Robinson

Information in regard to Bagging & Rope awaiting transportation - & all Stores in the same detention - Asks for transportation to be sent to remove these Stores - Asks for aid from the Military Authority of Art. to protect these Stores - & trains -

1st Lt Gno. Seaton, Comm
Shreveport La 24th Feby 64
Resp. requests to know
Maj Gen. Kirby Smith what
action he takes any interest in the
question of Cotton, with
the request that an
order be sent Lt Col
Holmes to furnish Maj
Robinson the assistance
he asks for.

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W. A. Broadwell
Lt Col

1862 U. S. Marshal
Cincinnati 25th Feby

Respectfully returned
to Colonel Broadwell
his endorsement being
inadmissible.

By Order
of Gen Ekin Smith
S. S. Burdett
Asst Adjt Genl

Christ^a County, Arkansas
Feby. 20th 1864

Col.

I have the honor to state for your information that I have a large amount of Cotton on hands for Con^r waiting transportation - It is not received as I did not ask to have it sent here at Govt. risk, but it is ready to be turned over as soon as the necessary transportation can be secured - I have also another lot of Cotton for Major Hayes in like situation; and a large amount of Cotton for each of you is hourly expected, but I can see no prospect of obtaining for transportation sufficient to remove the Cotton expected - It is hoped that you and Majr. Hayes can devise some plan to aid me with transportation I can use Sixty Wagons but will endeavor to get along with a less number - A planter who is operating for me informed me yesterday he thought he could supply me with ten (10) No. 1 six mule teams, harness, bows and whips of the best quality for two thousand dollars a team payable in cotton at twenty five cents per ~~lb~~ - I think the offer a good one for the Govt. What shall I do? I have never rec^d any communication from you since I left Shreveports save from Majr. Hayes -

have your instructions to call on the nearest commanding officer for such assistance as I may need, & have applied three several times to Brig. Genl. Dockery for aid, and twice to Lieut Col. Hays and yet a man has been sent me yet - Since I have been here over two hundred bales of cotton has been shipped — on the enemy's trading boats, and I have been unable to prevent it for want of men - Govt. cotton has been stolen and I am powerless - I hope you can have me supplied with sufficient men by an order direct from Genl. Boggs, so I can protect my lines and trains, prevent private parties from trading with the enemy and punish convicts -

I am Col. very Resty
Your Obt. Svt.
Jas. F. Robinson, Maj'r
Cotton Bureau

Lt. Col. W. A. Broadwell
Chf. Cotton Bureau
Shreveport, La.

P. S.

Maj. Jno. S. Burton Purchasing Q. Master for Dist. of Arkansas has given orders on me for thirteen thousand seven hundred and twenty five 11/25 pounds (13,725 11/25 lbs) of cotton to pay for stores received by him, and as he was acting under orders from Lt. Genl. Smith I have agreed to turn over that amount of cotton subject to your approval — The said stores were

got out under the "Chicasaw contract" as extended by him
under orders from Lt. Lieut. Smith - Advise me in this mat-
ter -

Maj. Burton

J. T. R. Maj. A.

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Chicot Co. Arkansas
22nd Feby 1848

J. F. Robinson Major &c

In regard to report of cattle
in his district – the condition
Beats and pasturage &c –

Answered

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Chicot Co. Arkansas

22nd Feby 1848

J. F. Robinson Major &c

In regard to report of militia in his district - its condition Books and papers &c —

Answered

Cotton Office
Christ Co. Ark.
Feby 25th 1864

Col.

I have the honor to enclose herewith for your information the list of Govt. Cottons in my district as far as I have been able to finde. You will see from it that there are Two hundred and sixty six (266) bales Missing, and which up to this time I have been unable to finde - (Several lots of it I know have been burnt by our own troops) - Nine hundred and sixty one (961) is in condition to move, and one hundred and seventy seven (177) must be repacked Some cotton was moved by persons (now in Texas) out of their gin houses & if they should be burnt with the cotton, and there it is in the cane and out of the way places, and it is difficult to finde - I am in hopes of discovering more yet - On the statement you will see that the missing column only refers to the missing bales, in a lot, found that should contain a given number of bales, and has no reference to lots of cotton of which no part has been found.

There is some cotton just over the line in La. which is said to have been removed out of my district - Part is said to belong to the Black purchase, part to the Blackburn

Chicot Co. Ark. Expdn.
24th May, 1864.

Maj. J. F. Robinson

Referring to this operation
in Cotton near the enemies
lines - in Arkansas.

Ans.d, 4th June 64.

Copy to Maj. Gen. Curtis

Chicot County, Ark.
May 24th 1864

Lt. Col. W. A. Bradwell

Col - Major Benson's command has not returned from Monroe, and I presume are aiding Major Buckner & are looking for them daily - The trade is pretty well stopped through the instrumentality of troops now here and the squad I brought with me - Mr McDonald has made a purchase of over one hundred bales and is expecting another considerable lot - I have furnished him a trusty man to go to Shreveport for his funds, who will take this letter - I am informed that there is a good deal of Govt. cotton still secreted by the enemy, by those who stole it, and I think when Major Benson gets here he will be able to find a good deal of it. Some men of Genl. Marmaduke's command captured and burnt a trading boat here a few days ago which I think will have a salutary effect on contraband trade with the enemy -
Dr Bond medical purveyor for Dist of Ark. and Major Isaac Brinton Chief Q. M. Dist of Ark have applied to me to procure stores for their respective Depts - I informed them that I would do anything I could to aid them in procuring the stores, but as trade at this point has stopped they must make their own arrangements and I could furnish any cotton under my control upon an order from you - I beg I may be spared any further duty of this sort, that is trade with the enemy, which there is attached so much public odium and official disapprobation - Your communication of the 14th inst. was only rec'd through Chaplain Morris yesterday and I regret very much I did not get it before I started for Shreveport - If such had been the case, I am satisfied that I could have convinced you that your strictures on my conduct were not only undeserved

have applied to me to procure stores for their respective Depots: I informed them that I would do anything I could to aid them in procuring the stores, but as I have at this point long stopped they must make their own arrangements and I could furnish any cotton under my control upon an order from you - I beg however to be spared any further duty of this sort, that is made with the enemy, to which there is attached so much public odium and official disadvantage - Your communication of the 14th ult: was only recd: through Chaplain Norris yesterday and I regret very much I did not get it before I started for the north - If such had been the case, I am satisfied that I could have convinced you that your strictures on my conduct were not only undeserved but did me great injustice - By reference to my communications to you of July 13th and March 10th and those to Major Hagner of the 15th and 20th Feby you will see that the wagons were called for not to transport stores simply but to deliver cotton as well; in fact the latter being the primary object, as you will see from the following extract from my letter to Major Hagner of the 20th March - "I have the honor
" to state that I am advised by those operating for us
" that there will be one hundred Thousand dollars
" worth of stores here in the course of a week - The
" cotton to pay for the stores I cannot deliver for
" want of transportation and must be much em-
" barrassed in my operations in consequence - I have
" delivered no cotton yet to those supplying us
" with stores" &c - The wagons were used while here in hauling cotton to Big Bayou, a point 21 miles from

the Miss. River, where a considerable quantity was accumulated at the time the retreat of Genl. Bockeys command rendered it necessary to hurry them out of the Swamp - I was receiving shoes from one boat at that time; and as you will see from the enclosed note from some of my agents a good deal could have been accomplished if they had remained a few days longer. The boat burnt day before yesterday had a large amt. of shoes on board for the Govt. and was waiting my return from Shreveport - I am informed there was destroyed quite a number of sewing Machines and a very large amt. of medicines; one item was 2200 lbs of Quinine - If my operations were inefficient and unreliable it was owing to the nature of the topic, the difficulty of getting transportation, the movements of the enemy, and the general hostility of the people to the trade in cotton and every body connected with it - Besides I was operating with out adequate facilities though repeatedly called for - I had no men to protect shoes or cotton, no transportation but what few ox teams I could hire in a county already exhausted, and no funds to pay for anything - All this perhaps was owing to circumstances not to be controlled, but if so, I do not think it just to place all the responsibility on one who perhaps is the least to blame - I am pleased to know that Major Broadwell thinks I endeavored to discharge my duty - and that I am now clear of the trade with the enemy My future operations for the Govt & mine will be more pleasant to myself, and give more

Chicot Co Ark
24th May 1864.

Maj J. F. Robinson

Referring to this operation
in Cotton near the enemies
lines - in Arkansas.

Ans.d 18 June 64.

Chicot Co. Ark. 850

15th Feby 1864.

Maj. J. F. Robinson

No 47

In regard to invoice of Bagging. Rope. & Twine. Report of Cotton - the prices fixed on cotton used in exchange for stores - Attention called to communication to Maj Haynes The services of Capt Smith not not needed - &c -

Assumed

Chicot County, Arkansas
Feby. 15th 1864.

Col.

Enclosed please find invoice of bagging, rope and twine sent forward Yesterday. The parties from whom it has purchased do not like the prices at which it is invoiced, and desire me to say that they think the cotton Bureau should allow them more. I would agree to give no more unless instructed to that effect. In using Govt. cotton I shall rate it at 25 cts per lb in paying for stores. You did not instruct me what to pay for bagging, rope & twine, or the price to be put on cotton when using it to pay for stores.

I refer you to a communication of this date sent to Maj. Haynes, for information in regard to my condition & prospects; and hope you will lend him your influence in carrying out my wishes as therein indicated.

The parties from whom I got the above stores expected me to pay at the rate of a dollar per yard for bagging and pay in cotton at 25 cts per lb. This I told them I could not do unless instructed. I think fifty cents for bagging and in that proportion for the other items would be more reasonable. Instruct me in this.

Your early attention to the subjects referred to in my communication of this date to Maj. Haynes

bile much much oblige me-
Capt. Smith is at Hamburg and I do not think I shall need his services here as Maj. Burton has placed a Lieut. at that point who will attend to my business. If thereafter you need him he can report to you at Shreveport

Waiting a reply from you or Maj. Haynes at an early day- I am &c. very Respy-

Yr Obt Svt
Jas F. Robinson, Majr.
Cotton Bureau

Lt. Col. W. A. Broadwell
Chf Cotton Bureau
Shreveport, La.

Feb. 13.

I hope I be able to report the condition of all the cotton in my dist in the course of a week
Enclosed I send you a copy of the letter and report rec'd from Mr Daniel Beck, Provost Coun agent, Washington, Ark in regard to the lost cottons in my dist.
Send letters to me through Maj. Brinker Chf. Q.M. Dist of Arkansas, Camden, Ark. & he will forward to me-

J. F. Robinson Majr

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Chicot Co. Ark.

10th April 1864.

J. F. Robinson

Maj & C—

In regard to his operations near the enemy's lines.

Cotton Office
Chief Commiy Subs.
April 16th 1864

This is to make known that Reynes R. Johnson is hereby authorized to impress Army Stores, as per Schedules herewith Furnished, for the Trans. Miss. Dept. C.S. to extent of Twenty Thousand Bales. The basis of this arrangement to be that said Stores are to be delivered at Northern Wholesale prices, payable upon delivery, in cotton at 25¢ per lb. The Stores to be delivered and the cotton to be turned over at such points in said Dept. as may hereafter be agreed upon between said Johnson and the undersigned. Said Johnson is hereby assured that any boats employed in introducing said Stores and removing said Cotton shall be fully protected while in the lines of the C. S. Army. Mr Johnson is also aware that I am on duty here under orders from Dept. H.Q. Trans.

James F. Robinson, Majr
Actg. Ins. Cotton Bureau
T. M. D.

Capt. Black

Shewsbury La.

Chicot County, Ark.
June 21st 1864

Capt.

I have not been able to send you the weights of the bales of cotton sent in the purchases of Otis owing to the fact that my papers have all been packed up and sent off for safety since Gen. Grant's advance and the Rebs have actually appeared on the Miss. River in Chicot County.

I will send it as soon as possible. The Military operations here have interfered very much with Campbell & Co's business. They have been sent out for cotton & had hopes to do so soon! They have purchased some 2 or 300 bales but have difficulty in getting transportation. This is expected to remedy as soon as Mr McD returns from Memphis I am disposed to think I shall get another good deal of the stolen cotton I am now collecting it out of the woods —

Very Respy &c
Jas. F. Bowman Supt
C.D. for Cotton Bureau

Cotton Office
Chief Q. Comdg. Cotton,
Alpine 10th 1864

Col.

I have the honor to enclose herewith a Summary Statement with accompanying abstract of all Cotton used by me up to Alpine 1st 1864, which I trust is properly made out - and to respectfully Major Broadwell left here on the 31st ult. with all the Govt. wagons, and I hope has got out safe - The Yankees burnt Genl. Buckley's train at Longview on the Sabine River, and gave us in here a considerable scare - All my hires and all Govt. wagons sent me have gone back with Major Broadwell, and I am in hopes to accumulate enough pile yet all through safely - I beg to suggest that the train of wagons sent here in charge of Bayou Meserve Frazer from Jefferson Texas be not paid any hire for the time they have here, as they did not do sufficient hauling to pay for their forage and rations - They refused to obey the orders sent them and did pretty much as they pleased - I had ordered the arrest of Frazer and others in charge of that train for disobedience of orders but Major Broadwell suggested on

the Law has composed entirely of private Citizens that body to punish the parties found to be with the Enemy the Law will punish any proof adduced in this matter -

I think the following expression in your favor of the 25th ult. Instructions, obtained I do not exactly know your wishes in regard to remuneration the Govt. for the Cotton turned over to Col. Turnbull you say. "I receive from Col. Turnbull an equivalent in Confederate Money to represent the interest of the Govt. in the Cotton thus employed" now if you mean a sufficient Amt. of Confederate Money to replace the Cotton turned over, it will be somewhat difficult to determine - If you mean the original cost of the Cotton it can very easily be ascertained by charging the maximum price per lb paid by Daniel Block which can be seen by reference to statement of his purchases now on file in your office - Col. Turnbull has 5 or five (5) bales (weighing 2500 lbs) Govt. cotton and has written to know how much Confederate Money he shall receive If proper I should be glad you would arrange the matter at Shreveport with Col Turnbull -

You will see by Northern papers sent you herewith that cotton is now 40 to 50 cts at Memphis -

Capt. Beach has certainly labored under some mistake when in his favor of the 8th inst. he says "The party who sold you the bagging & rope has not raised those articles to their cost value, but added at least 50 % upon which and cost price, fifty per cent is added by you in settlement &c" The price of bagging at Memphis about that time, and now, is 20¢ per yard & 10¢ per lb as you will see by reference to a paper which I handed Major Broadwell with the request that he would forward to you for your information on that point. It is somewhat lower at St Louis & Cincinnatti but our trade is entirely with Memphis.

Capt. Spring will forward some bills to Major Hagner with the U.S. Revenue Stamps showing the original cost of 2 Mississippi purchased by him, by reference to which you can see the prices paid for bagging & rope at Memphis.

Enclosed I send you copies of papers furnished me by Gen. Thomas with instructions to Gen. Sherman, and Mr Agnes R. Johnson who proposes through a U.S. Officer to furnish at once and without delay everything needed by the Department expecting advance duties. The only guarantee he asks is the assurance

of the Lt. Genl. Commanding that the boats will be fully protected while in our lines delivering stores and removing cotton - He says that the Northern Officials have the utmost confidence in any assurance that Genl. Smith will give and are willing to risk their capital upon it - & have promised to furnish him Lt. Genl. Smith's assurance in writing that the boats should be amply protected - The stores will be delivered on Red River or Atchafalaya - I have great hope that I am now in a fair way to accomplish something of some importance, and free part of the miserable annoyances connected with my small operations here - and I am in hopes the Comms will be satisfactory to the Lt. Genl. Comdg as well as the Chief of the Cotton Bureau - I found the matter met the approbation of Capt H. & he read the schedules of all stores needed and should give this matter my exclusive attention and endeavor to push it on to a successful issue - Send said assurance immediately by courier -

Maj Gen Banks has recently sent the mills to be pilled some for material for a wool & cotton factory, all of which have been furnished to different parties of mine for use, and I am in hopes he will be able to procure it at an early day

Since Majr Broadwell left I have received his stores be-
cause I have no men to put with them, and it
would be unsafe to receive them under present cir-
cumstances - If You desire me to continue my
operations here I beg to urge upon You the ne-
cessity - of furnishing me men for guard, escort
and courier duty - I have but two detailed men
although I have repeatedly applied for men -
Brig. Genl. Bockey sent me twenty men who
remained but one week - You are aware I
have had my stores stolen by soldiers while here
at the point of delivery, and I am informed
some have been stolen en route to Shreveport
I had six men to send with the stores and had
to detail them upon musters - Everything forwarded
by me is receipted for in good order - I shall
receive nothing more unless I get men
enough to guard them - The country is full of
deserters, a large number from Brig. Genl
Polk's Command - I write to day to Majr
Genl Price for some men, but it is doubtful
if I shall be any more successful than here to-
fore - I had fifty men, I could arrest deserters &
conscripts enough in a short time to make
a requirement and would delight to do it if I
had orders to that effect - It is just such
fellows that make the most to do about the
cotton trade threaten my lives and steal my
cotton occasionally -

I think it probable Mr Tompkins will be able to introduce army stores, and I think it equally probable that a very large operation can be effected through Mr Johnson - the St Louis assurance of protection & the boats & rails on lines is a sine qua non with him, and is a condition precedent to any importation - Give this your early attention if you approve the transaction - I could infinitely prefer turning over all the cotton in my district in liquidating a purchase of 2 or 3 millions, & [illegible] adding it out in a small way as I have been doing - When Genl Bowen returned across the Tallahatchie I had ordered the destruction of all the Govt. Cotton in my dist but suspended it at Hay's Broadwell's Depot - Enclosed I send you a Statement of the Agents & principal purchasers for Govt & Persons - My statement contains the amount of my purchases of Cotton & Negroes - There is still a considerable amount of cotton going out of my dist which I am unable to prevent - I respectfully ask to be furnished with Instructions & Permission me to do so - I sent you Saturday some papers by Lt. Payne -

Lt. Col Broadwell
Ag Cotton Bureau

Yr Obt Svt
James F. R. Bowen Major
Agt. for Cotton Bureau

Robinson 1652

The Confederate States
To Thos Hunnicutt Dr

1864
Sept 22 For Extra duty pay from
Feby 17th 1864 to date being
7 Months & 5 days in the Cotton
Bureau a 3# pr day. $654.00

I Certify on honor that the above account is
Correct and just, that the services were
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necessary for the Public service.

James F. Robinson, Majr
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Maj J. F. Robinson.

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Referring to certain papers in which his official conduct is called in question. Orders, Copies.

Christ County, Ark.
Oct 2nd 1864

Capt.

I am just informed by Capt. Spring that some person wrote a letter to Genl. Smith stating that I was interested with some party who stole Govt. cotton; that Genl. Smith had sent you a copy of the letter without the name of the writer; and that you had forwarded it to me for my explanation. The communication never came to hand. Will you do me the favor to ask Genl. Smith to send me a copy of the letter with the name of the author, (which I think I have a right to demand) and I will then make a satisfactory explanation to all concerned.

I am Capt. very Resp.
Lieut. W. C. Black
Actg. Chief of Cotton Bureau
Shreveport

Your Obt. Svt.
James F. Johnson Major
Actg Jr Cotton Bureau

Chicot Co. Ark. 1654.
13th Feby 1864.

1654

L. F. Robenson
Maj Vc in Chief Bureau
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Gives information of an interview with the Federal officer Commanding the U.S. Marine Brigade- his proposals dishonorable - & therefore declined - Begs that this information be communicated to Dept. V. & Rs.

Sate

Hamburg, Tenn.
Feby. 4th 1864

Col-

I have the honor to report my arrival in Chicot County on the 31st ult. & immediately went to work laying my plans for the introduction of Stores on an extensive scale - I have engaged 2000 yds. 16oz bagging and 3000 lbs rope, which has just arrived from Memphis, and will forward as soon as I can deliver the cotton and procure transportation - Capt. Spring has not arrived at from Washington, Ark. which will delay the forwarding of it - I think I shall get it off by Monday, and will forward all the Stores I procure to Camden if Maj. Haynes and you can transport them from that point - It will facilitate my operations very much to deliver at Camden instead of Shreveport as transportation is scarce - Wagon covers are much needed and I intend to have some made to protect Stores in transitu as soon as I can get the material - I have ordered 100,000 yds bagging and 130000 lbs rope, and the parties are now on their way up the river to procure it. How much will be delivered I can't tell - You gave me instructions as to the limit to be paid for bagging, rope and twine, and until otherwise directed will pay in cotton at ~~[illegible]~~ that Capt. Smith has authorized to give Capt Smith's Stores have gone - He is here yet but will start today for Shreveport -

Will you buy bagging & rope in good order & thick has been cut off cotton, and is compactly baled? As Capt. Smith dealt in that kind of article & will engage all I can get it here and get it across the Swamp, and if it is not desireable # I can instruct me, and I will then stop proceedings on that and buy no more of it. I am a good deal embarrassed here by parties who are acting under Mr Chidester who it seems (so he says), is acting under Maj. Burton purchasing A. Q. M. Dept of Ark. who is said to have instructions to buy stores and deliver cotton in my district approved by Lt Genl Smith - I have not seen Maj. Burton and can't advise you as to the value of the papers he has approved by Genl Smith - I fear the export of cotton to the enemy by unauthorized parties cannot be prevented unless the Cotton Bureau controls that matter, and all transactions in cotton be suspended by us - Why cannot the cotton Bureau turn over the cotton to Maj. Burton if he needs it, as I understand Maj Burtons orders (though Chidester), he turns over Govt. cotton in this dist. or purchases private cottons for that purpose without regard to us at all, and if such is the case you will see at once that I cannot carry out your instructions and control all the cotton in my dist.

As you have not advised of this state of things when I left, and gave me no directions in the premises be pleased to advise me

fully what course to pursue—

Col. Welton has been upon my arrival and advised me of an inchoate contract for a thousand bales of cotton in Pike County—He advised me as to the locality of the cotton and desired me not to interfere with it—What shall I do in this case?

I have also heard of another contract based on cotton now being carried out in Pike & above Napoleon on the Lake. Also under the protection of some of Gen. Carson's cavalry commands—All such transactions will interfere with me seriously unless I am fully advised in relation to the nature and extent of each contract based upon cotton in my dist. which has the approval of Capt. Wm Pus. Like respect to other contracts—I am looking for Maj. Burton every hour, and will write you again when I see him How much shipping & wood & twine do you want?

Capt. Smith when he arrives will see you about shipping the cotton here—

I will write to Maj. Haynes also today in regard to what I am doing for him—

Send communications through Maj Gen. Hockley at this place with instructions, if he is at any other point, to forward to me here—

I am Col. very Respy.

Your Obt. Svt.

Lt. Col. W. A. Broadwell
Chf of Cotton Bureau
Shreveport, La.

Jos. F. Robinson, Maj'r
Cotton Bureau

P. S.

I have had a proposition from a Memphis house through a planter here, to purchase all the cotton in my dist. for Sterling Exchange drawn by the Rothschilds I would suggest the propriety of doing this for a

of all the Govt cotton, and that private cotton can be purchased for use of the Govt in that bay, provided the enemy shoud threaten the cotton interest of this dist. by a movement up the Ouachita this spring - In the mean time the purchase of stores with cotton can proceed - When the enemy stops any operations, if such should unfortunately happen, I think the Govt. would do well to convert the residue into Sterling Exchange instead of destroying it -

I make this suggestion in view of a contingency that may arise during the Spring or Summer.

Very Respy. Yr
J. F. Rowan Maj. A.

Chicot County Arkansas
Feby. 13th 1864

Col -

I have the honr to communicate for the in-
formation of Dept. H.Q. the following
rather novel adventure - On the 10th inst.
a regiment of U.S. troops from the Miss. Marine
Brigade landed in this county and presented
themselves on Old River Lake where I was en-
gaged in receiving duties and preparing them to
be sent forward - One of the parties who has
been procuring Govt. stores for some of our
officers, got drunk, and told the Officer in
command of the U.S. troops, Maj. U.S. Talla-
day, of all that is going on here - This officer sent
Maj. Burton and myself word, through a citizen,
that he was fully advised of our operations, but
did not design to injure or interfere with the pro-
perty under our charge until he could confer with
us under flag of truce - On the next day he met
him under flag of truce, and found out that
his Object was to procure cotton for "greenbacks"
for use of himself, two other ranking officers of
the Brigade, Genl. McPherson of Vicksburg
and a Mr McDowell of the U.S. Treasury Dept
To this of course he could not consent
but informed him he would confer with higher authority
him the following day - His avowed Object
was to make money - Yesterday morning

he met him again under pledge of secrecy, and he made overtures to me to betray my trust and dishonor myself, to which I responded that I could have no transactions of any kind whatever with him; I informed him however that if desired they could procure cotton through planters here by delivering them such stores as I might wish, which could be turned over to me as such points as I might designate and deem safe, where the cotton to pay for the same would be delivered. Here our conference ended. Two citizens selected by me, one John T. Chiddester of "Chiddester Contract notoriety", and the other Mr L. L. Johnson a planter of this County, had a conference with Maj: Talladay, and informed me that he proposed to turn over to them the Sutlers stores on board the Marine fleet, (which actually took place to a certain extent last night), and to go to Vicksburg with them to procure permits and perfect all plans for introducing stores; and I am advised they have gone to day -

I wish you to acquaint the Lt. Gen. Commdg the Dept with these facts, and get his views. I dare permit no transaction that is not in my judgment, for the benefit of our Govt. and no cotton will leave my Dist. unless its representative in stores is delivered home at points I may deem safe -

I beg to suggest that as a desire to make money is the cause of this most extraordinary proposition from a U.S. Officer if he can introduce such Army supplies

as are needed through his instrumentality - he should do so for several reasons - First the Stores can be procured in larger quantities than in any other way - Second, they can be secured in a shorter time and with less risk, because if not landed under the direct protection of the U. S. Brig. they will at least be free from any interruption from that quarter I must also add that I believe the U. States Officers mentioned will furnish the Stores for cotton, and it does not strike me as making to our Govt. any great difference where the cotton ultimately goes to, so we get the Stores needed; inasmuch as it will go to the U.S. under any State of case when delivered for Supplies -

Be good enough to submit the above to Maj. Haynes and jointly lay the matter before the Dept. Commander for his opinion -

A train of wagons will start tomorrow morning for the Ouachita River with the Masters Stores for Maj. Haynes; and 7500 ds bagging, 7580 lbs of Rope and two (2) bales of twine for the Cotton Bureau -

Maj. Burton Purchasing Q. Master for Dist. of Ark. having been furnished by me with a copy of my instructions from the Cotton & Clothing Bureaus, has informed me that he objects [illegible] Chidester with his contracts (made with Maj. Chf. Clothing Bureau), the letter of the Sec. of War to Brig. Gen. Smith with endorsement thereon &c to me as the proper officer to see the said contracts carried out, receive Stores, and deliver cotton &c - Enclosed I send

a copy of Maj. Burton's communication - I shall take no action on the contract until I hear from Maj. Haynes, and you will please submit for his information this communication with copy of Maj. Burton's letter as he is immediately interested as one of the contracting parties -

Send letter through Maj. Brinker Chf. Q. Master Dist. of Ark's, directed to me at Hamburg, Ashley County, Ark.

I hope I be able to report the condition of the Govt. Cotton in my district in a short time as I have an efficient man inspecting it and making arrangements to have it put in good order -

I am Col. very Respy.
Your Obt. Svt.
Jas. F. Robinson, Maj. & A.
Cotton Bureau

P.S. If possible I should be glad to receive from you or Maj. Haynes a team of twenty horses for the purpose of forwarding stores and delivering cotton - I can't hire or impress here in sufficient quantity unless I interfere seriously with Gunboat operations, which must be avoided if possible - My plans are such now that the receipts of 1864 crop of Rice and Plantation stores will only be limited by the limit of cotton I may be able to deliver - If you send me any vapors, have each one supplied with a good vapor engine and bell and everything forwarded to me in good order -

Respy &c
J. F. Robinson, Maj. &c

Marshall Oct 7th 1866

A. Rose.

13244

Judgment refusing the settlement
of King & Co's claim & Costs

Enclosure papers

Marshall Texas May 9/65

Lt. Col. W. A. Broadwell
Shreveport
La.

Col. Judge Gray refers me to you for settlement of King & Co's claims. After settling them as far as you can, he will, upon order of of Gen. Smith, assign to them cotton in Texas, or elsewhere, to supply the deficiency.

I send you all the papers I have relating to these claims, which, I presume, will enable you to approximate the amount of money still due them, & the amt of cotton requisite to meet it.

Gen. Smith will be here to-day, or tomorrow, when I will see if he will approve such requisition for cotton as you may deem proper, to meet the case.

You will please give as early attention to this matter as your convenience will permit, & address me here, care of Maj. Botts.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
P. Rose.

Marshall 1558 King & 1060

R. V. Rose.

1345

Regarding Position of King's Claim - Finds 120 Balks to Each It

Marshall Texas May 9/65

Lt. Col. W. A. Broadnell
Cotton Bureau
Shreveport La.

Col.

Finding the Courier not yet gone, I have concluded to write you further on the subject of the letter I have already written.

I presume Gen. Smith will not hesitate to give the required order, as Judge Gray is willing, & even suggested it, & as it will be the means of paying, or, atleast, attempting to pay a debt with that which, from present appearances, would otherwise inevitably fall into the hands of the enemy. And my great anxiety now is to have this done before I leave here on Thursday next for Houston. I must, therefore, request it of you as a personal favor to see Gen. Smith tomorrow, if possible, & get him to sign such a paper as you think will cover the case. By a letter just rec'd from Mr. Hale, you will see that he thinks 1200 bales besides the 1500 now assigned will make up the deficiency. But if any of the 1500 bales be reclaimed, as in all probability, they will be, 1200 will not cover the deficiency. I leave this, however, for you to arrange as you may think best. You will please let me know the result of your application to Gen. Smith in this matter, either by the

Courier who will come in here Thursday morning, or by telegraph before ~~xxxx~~ 12 M. on that day. And as Capt. O'Rourke is also acting as agent of King & Co. You will be so good as to inform him of your action herein.

When you have read Hale's letter of the 29th ult. please hand it to Capt. O.R.

~~Hoping to hear from you before leaving~~

I remain,

Your obt Servt

R. Rose.

1889

Frank H. Ruffin

About printed

Circular.

Subsistence Bureau.
Richmond. May. 22d 1863.

Major. O. K. Dameron C.S.

Sir;

Your letter of the 11th Inst. to hand. The reason that the Circular was not filled up; was that it was sent rather as a preparatory intimation or apprisal of the new plan of operations about to be inaugurated by this Bureau.

I herein enclose the Circular officially approved by the Secty of War, in which the bounds of Colonel Bradwells future field of operations, are defined. As soon as Major Walker takes charge of operations in Alabama. Col B. will withdraw to his new field, which will Embrace the State of Mississippi and East Louisiana.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
(Signed) Frank C. Ruffin
Major & C.S.

"A true Copy"
Chas. S. Chilton

Maja Walker has entered upon his new duties at Mobile
MRD

1660

Richmond 22 May 63

Frank G. Ruffin

Refusing to furnish
Circulars.

Copy

Subsistence Bureau
Richmond. May. 22d 63.

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Very Respectfully
Your Obd't Sv't.
Frank G. Ruffin
Major & C.S.

Richmond 22 May 1861

Franc. H. Ruffin

Referring to a circular
in reference to Commissary
matters.

Copy.

Subsistence Bureau
Richmond May 22d/63

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Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt
Frank. G. Ruffin
Majr C.S.

(signed)

a true copy from
the original
Lt. T. L. Shute.

Richmond 6th Nov 1863

1662

Frank. G. Ruffin
Lt Col. &c

Refering to a supply of
beef Cattle for the Eastern
Army.

Confederate States of America,
SUBSISTENCE DEPARTMENT.

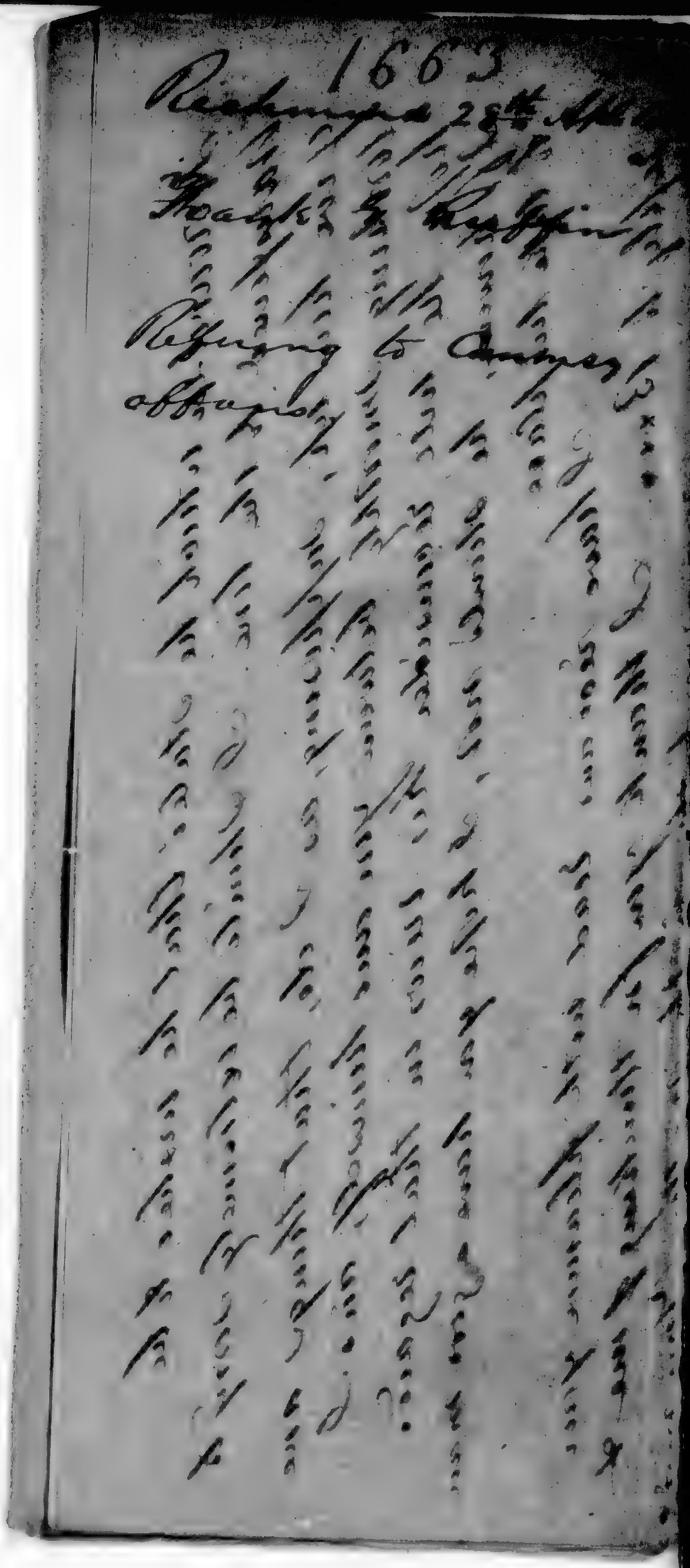
Richmond. Nov. 6. 1863

Lt: Col:
W. A. Broadwell
Shreveport. La.

Sir

Col: Northrop C.G.S. has instructed me to write to yourself, Major Gen. N. Bearing & Mr. G. W. White in regard to a supply of Cattle from Trans-Mississippi. The says: I wrote will write to Gen'l J. E. Johnston & Kirby Smith to cooperate with you as far as they can do so; & he hopes that by some joint arrangement you can succeed in getting a good supply on this side of the River. As the details of the plan must be arranged among yourselves, it is unnecessary to do more than suggest upon the views of the Dep't of War & the C.G.S. in this regard. I should be glad to hear from you in regard to it, as also in reference to the supply of bacon & the prospects of accumulation for your own use as well as for the Cis-Mississippi.

Very Respectfully
Your obt: Servant
Frank. G. Ruffin
Lt: Col: & A.S.



"Copy"

Bureau of Subsistence.
Richmond April 28. 1863

Lt Col. W.A. Brumwell
C.S. Jackson Miss.

Sir:

The enclosed Circular is addressed to you by the order of Col. L.B. Northrop C.S. Upon reading it you will perceive its purpose. I also enclose a list of the names & post Offices of all the Commissaries in your District, as far as the records of this Office give them. There may be others that you know and we do not, to whom you will please address instructions (by order of Commissary General) to report to you, as all those whose names are now sent you shall be addressed from this Office. There may also be others attached to the Army, but acting as Purchasing Commissaries. If this be so and you shall find their services necessary to you application will be made (on notice from you to that effect) to have such ordered to report to you.

Any suggestion you may think proper to make in this matter. I shall be glad to hear, and any aid I can give you will be very cheerfully rendered.

I was much pained to hear by T/G. from Major Cameron that Major R.A. Howard had been captured by the enemy. I at once resolved to know if he had been paroled, as Mr Ould, our Commissioner for exchanging Prisoners, informed me that the moment he had notice of his parole he would exchange him.

I also T/G. to know who could be able to supply his place and rec'd a satisfactory answer.

Since then I have received a letter from Major

Howard in which he stated that he wished to be
transferred to the line. I should be extremely sorry to
give him up, supposing, as I do, that things are
working smoothly between you and himself; and I
hope he will reconsider his views in that regard.
If however, he should not, I hope you have a good man
to take his place.

I have rec'd and read with pleasure your
reply to Bxxx. I thank you for thinking of me &
assure you of my sympathy in the matter. Your mode
of treating the subject was not only more dignified, but in
better temper than I fear mine would have been under
similar circumstances.

Very respectfully
Your obt servt
(Signed) Frank S. Ruffin.

1864

Richmond 2nd May 1865

Frank L. Ruffin

to

Maj W. H. Dameron

Refering to certain Ammu
nitions

Copy

Subsistence Bureau
Richmond May 22nd 1863

Majr W H. Dameron C.S.

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Frank G. Ruffin
Majr C.S.

a true copy from the original
(signed)
J. L Shultz

1663 P. 21

Houston Texas Oct 30th 63

Jno Rugely
Kyle + Terry
100 + others

Recommending that
a Cotton Bureau for
the State of Texas be
formed at once

(Ref. Letter 11.05)

Houston, 30th October 1863

We recommend that a cotton Bureau for the State of Texas, be formed without, Composed of 3 or 4 Substantial well known citizens, one to be a President, Chief, the others assistants, some good merchant who has experience, Sagacity, and integrity, should be associated with the board, as purchasing agent, to employ cotton to such an extent as it can certainly be furnished, in the completion of Contracts & procurement of Supplys;

The Bureau can be instructed by the Dept Commander, to obtain by negotiation & place in depots, sufficient Cotton to pay the obligations of the Board, & purchase such things as are designated necessary by the chief officers at Shreveport,

In its representations among the principle should be competent business men, with sufficient Degree of character, to satisfy planters that the Cotton loaned the Board will not only be timely applied, but judiciously used,

The policy adopted must be firm and decided, without liability to change, the principles which govern the Bureau clearly set forth, the people made to understand it work up to them,

An order published notifying them that the Cotton of the Country is required for Govt purposes, and that if necessary it can be impressed, under the Law,

Those planters who refuse to sell for Certificates redeemable hereafter as Congress may determine, can be regarded as disaffected & their Crops impressed,

those who have transportation. can be paid
bounty in cotton for baling, as a means
of enabling them to return their waggons
to the plantation supplys. & other things
required in the country. Where planters
are unable to transport & cotton, &
sell one half their crops to the Bureau. they
can be permitted to export a portion
of the remainder. Say 30 bales to the 100
hands,

The Chief Q. master should be a
man of great energy, & directed to abstract
all the resources of the country by paying
bounty for transportation. in cotton say 12
lbs to the hundred each hundred miles
for all distances inside of 400 miles,
beyond this one half for the other,

Permits must be given to persons only
Connected with the Bureau, either in the purchase
& transportation, by an excess of the
requirements act,

We recommend that the gates be closed
against the exports of cotton Coastwise
as well as by the frontier, except under
a permit from the Cotton Bureau,

San Antonio & Alleyton are designated as
Central Depots for the concentration of Cotton
& Exchange upon proper basis, for Commodities
introduced, It is important to secure a good
supply of Bagging & Rope, to furnish planters when
Crops are ready for sale,

Gen. Magruder, has suggested, that all Con-
tracts based upon cotton be revised, that
all permits for the exports be submitted for
ratification or cancelment as the Bureau may
determine, that its Chief be directed to investi-

this discretion, in the execution of any orders upon the subject of cotton previously issued from the Head qrs of the District commander,

As soon as the difficulties now in existence are removed, the contracts on hand are completed, or controlled, our open field will be left, in which to operate & under the sanction of law, this is claiming that

Cotton will flow into these Central Depots in quantity sufficient to absorb the necessary transportation, pay for everything bought in any it, and procure every thing else, which may be made known as necessary by the Dept commander, any excess thus accumulated, can be disposed of by the Sale of Certificates in Europe, based upon it, or shipped abroad to the agents of the Government in Liverpool, to pay Government its value obtained & returned, in such things as the chiefs of staff charge to order,

Respectfully Submitted,

Jno Pugsley
Kyle & Lyon
R M Collins
S A Fisher
W. P. Ballinger
P. O. Keay
Recommending
W. J. Hutchins

Handeman & Co. Mar 13.
1866

Jno. Rugely

In regard to the shipment
of Cotton.

Chief of Cotton Bureau

Dr Sir

I reached home on Saturday Evening from Houston, on Monday I attended our Monthly County Meting, When there were Several of our Substantial Planters, I read to them the Terms contained in My Application to you to Ship cotton for the Government, So far as I could ascertain it Seemed to meet a favorable ~~Response~~ Consideration, but I am of opinion few will undertake until after the Cotton Bureau is Established,

I would advise that as soon as the Cotton Bureau is Established, that they would call a Suitable Number of the most Substantial planters and consult with them, as to the price to be fixed on cotton by the Government, I think the Success of your plan, will much depend on the price fixed on cotton, at present there is but a poor chance to Ship Cotton (Via) Matagorda to Corpus Christi, The Boats in the Bay have heretofore been worked by Conscripts, The State draft, has taken most of these hands, and unless Something is done, there Seems to be but little chance to get off Much Cotton by this Route, this Should be looked into by Some one, I have retained the Order you gave me to Ship Cotton, and may act on it provided I can get it Conveyed by Matagorda, I have no other means of Shiping, As soon as the Bureau is Established, I Should be pleased to hear from you,

Yours Respectfully

Jno Ringgley

Hardeman & Nov 03, Paid 10

Col W. A. Broadwell
Chief of Cotton Bureau
Houston
Texas

March

Brownsville 1867.
July 30th 1868

H. Rueiga
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Regarding the
reinterment of
his Cotton, being
shipped by S.O.
No. 110.

Respectfully referred to Lt Col Broadwell
Ch of Cotton Bureau.

By order
Maj Gen Sheridan
W. L. Alston
Capt & A.A.G.

Previously acted upon
the letter sent to County
officers at Brownsville
Ref A.G.O. Aug 18/68

Brownsville 30 Aug 1863

Sir

By late orders of Brig. Genl Bell the export of Cotton with certain exceptions is prohibited —

I received from you, during the existence of previous restrictions, a permit for the free export of 500 Bales of Cotton for the purpose of procuring machinery for the Comal Manufacturing Company at New Braunfels, on the faith of which I have made my purchases and have put the Cotton on the road. Brig Genl Bell has granted me a Permit for the Cotton which has arrived here, but for the balance he has referred me to you and desires your orders on the subject. Your permit is not sufficient — I therefore request you Sir therefore to order a renewal of your permit to enable me to carry out my engagements which I have entered into in good faith and relying on your Permit —

I am Sir

Your obt Servt

Henry Runge

To Major Genl J. B. Magruder

Houston

Permit for 500 Bales granted by Special Order No 110

San Antonio 24th Aug 1869

Maj. Chas. Kellogg

2289

Introducing Col Steel —

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C. I. D.

Colonel

This will be handed you by Col Slack who wishes to converse with you on business — I write please introduce him as a Gentleman, thoroughly reliable, and worthy your confidence — Any attention he may receive from you will be appreciated by

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Chas Russell

Col Pt at Brownsville

Augt 2 4 1864

Chas. Rutledge

Rec^d Two Thousand dollars from Mr Lorenzo Castro on the within Order Boston 12th 1853.

(Signed) Jn Tomkins

Office Brig D Master
Fort Brown April 24 1863

At Sight please pay to the order of Mr L. Toothig. any Specie that you may have in your hands collected on account of exchange on Cotton Notifying me of the Amt paid to him, and Charge to Y.

Your ob. St.

Mr Lewis Easton
Eagle Pass Texas

(Signed) Charles Russell
Major C.S.P.A.
Brig D-Master

Chas. Russell
1874

Statement of Cotton impressed from John Fraley Esq at Laredo Texas and sold to pay Captains Refugio Expenses Cristobal Benavides Companies

To Doddridge & Jacobs -

December 2nd 1863.

28 Bales of Cotton mkd C & S
weighing 14206 lbs @ 16¢ $2272.96

Each receipt one of above from Asst. $1500.00
Bales due in case of failure by Asst. 772.96
$2272.96

To Cash paid Capt R. Benavides Company $550.00
" " " C. Benavides 950.00 $1500.00
Bales due by Doddridge Jacobs 772.96
$2272.96

E. & O. E.

Monterey Mexico
April 6th 1864

Charles Russell
Major & Quarter Master
U. S. A.

1675

Mr Lorenzo Castro

In a/c with Major Chas Russell

Brig D- Master C. S. A.

To Cash paid Drafts 12415-00

" " " him in Confederate Money 8610 00

$ 21025-00

I have received from Mr- Castro in consideration of the above payment- Twenty one thousand and twenty-five Dollars in Specie, public funds pertaining to the Quarter Masters Department—

San Antonio Tex. Oct- 4 1862 (Signed) Charles Russell Majr- C. S. A. Brig D- Master.

The Confederate States

To Lorenzo Castro

His a/c as per Voucher for Expenses & Services a Board Marshal 655-55

Amt- Ch'd and allowed for Transportation of Specie 100.00

$ 755.55

Paid October 4 1862 by Major Cha Russell Brig D- Master C.S.C.S.A.

San Antonio Texas Feb'y 9th 1863 I have this day received from Mr Lorenzo Castro Twenty Seven thousand Seven hundred and twenty five Dollars in Specie, for which I have paid him the same Amt in Confederate Money, in Settlement of all account with the Government on account of Exchange on Cotton at Eagle Pass up to this 1st day of February 1863.

Charles Russell
Major C. S. D. A.
Disg D- Master.

(Signed)

1573

1876

Statement of Cotton

Received at

Brownsville Texas

By

Major Chas. Ansell

Quarter Master

U. S. A.

Continued

Statement of Cotton received at Brownsville Texas by Major Charles Russell Quarter master U. S. A., during the Months of July August September October and November 1865, as per instructions from Major General J. Bankhead Magruder Commanding District of Texas New Mexico and Arizona, dated Head Quarters Houston Texas 1865

Date 1865	From whom Received	No. of Bales	Marks	Weights
July 20	A. Blum	1	J	472
do	do	15		7689
	Chas. Raas	4	S. S. E	2064
do	do	22	S +	8172
do	do	3	C. C.	1346
do	do	4	C. R.	1032
do	do	5	C. R.	1410
	J. C. Mailler	2	W. M.	866
	F. Thimia	20	O	8037
	C. H. Jordan	1	J	3464
	J. C. Mailler	2	W. C. H	1308
do	do	1	W D L	
	J. Weiss	12	W	5723
	J. H. Shropshire	4	T	2062
	H. P. Graves	4	G	1590
	F. Emerson	4	D. M. O.	2020
do	do	5	(F)	2228
	E. F. DeLisle	2	D. M	798
	A. Uhde & Co	2	(S)	870
do	do	5	(G)	2240
	Buckard & Co Suez	20	H. R.	9080
do	do	6	(S)	2646
do	do	2	S H F	770
do	do	2	H.	964
	S. Stumm	13	S. S.	6802
	P. Odet	8	2. O.	2958
	S. R. Dunnock & Co	17	G R	7766
do	do	5	(S) 8	2342
do	do	6	(S)	2998
do	do	1	P. J. F.	560
do	do	1	(D)	496
	J. H. Jockusch	5	◇	2164
	A. Smith	2	H RH	1016
	G. H. Simpson	6	G W W	2528
	F. Rosenfield	15	(S A)	6731
	Amt forward	233		103812

"Continued"

Date 1868		From & from Received	Nos of Bales	Marks	Weights 165.
		Ant forward	283		103812
July	30	J. H. Jockusch	1	I.	370
		Droege Oetling & Co	4	[illegible]	1780
		Mc. Clish	2	A	772
		Hale & Co	8	S.P.	3676
		Burchard & Co Succ'rs	7	M I	2909
		Droege Oetling & Co	33	[illegible]	14020
		do	32	[illegible]	14038
		do	7	M.	3280
		M. Crofts	3	C	1360
		Burchard & Co Succ'rs	2	[illegible]	874
		do	4	[illegible]	1880
		do	1	[illegible]	406
		do	2	[illegible]	760
		do	3	T.S.	1410
		do	2	G & G	864
		do	4	B.S.	1754
		Black & Co	5	[illegible]	2526
		Charles Power	6	P	2846
		J. C. Mailler	1	F.C.	290
		do	9	F D &	4038
		J. San Roman	35	C + P	17042
		do	11	W.G.	5482
		do	19	S.P.	9898
		do	20	S.S.	9978
		do	20	[illegible]	7976
		P. Tiedhausen	1	P.W.	440
		H. Puig	3	P + C	1330
		W. B. Campbell	4	W.C.	1508
		Burchard & Co. Succ'rs	1	S B	278
		Jesus Lira for Wilms & Co	60	J L	26852
		W. Agnes	12	J	5628
		Thos. Reddington	3		1350
		Mercellin	5	J. S. C.	2440
		John Sabor	1	This	465
		J. H. Jockusch	3	J W	1464
		Hale & Co	5	[illegible]	2734
		do	7	X	3208
		Unknown	1		450
		Hertz & Bro's	26	H + B	12984
August	8	F Armendiz	4	F A U	1674
		do	11	F A	5267
		Ant forward	626		281863

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Date 1863		From whom Receives	Nr. of Bales	Marks	Weights lbs
		Amt forward	626		281863
August	8	Johnson & Rhine	23	J & R	10350
		L. A. Shropshire	1	L.A.S.	0534
		F. Emerson	8	[illegible]	0976
		V. Pretat	3	V.P.	1285
		Johnson & Rhine	2	J & R	834
		do	7	[illegible]	3136
		do	6	J & R	2810
		do	5	B	2402
		C. S. Fabisjeir	7	[illegible]	3268
		A. A. Macon	10	S. J.	4180
		F. Ytturria	4	O	1690
	13	do	9	[illegible]	4570
		L. A. Shropshire	3	S S M	1420
	14	S. A. Dunnock & Co	8	[illegible]	11148
		A Uhde & Co	17	J	8592
	15	S. H. Keay	1	A	438
		do	3	Z	1386
		P. Odet	5	P.C.	2656
		Droege Cetling & Co	9	M M C	4326
		L. H. Zachary	10	[illegible]	4491
		F. Ytturria	37	I. O.	16426
	17	J. San Roman	19	I & S	8442
		do	6	A	3112
		do	11	A & S	5472
		S. H. Grimes	20	[illegible]	9834
		Johnson & Rhine	17	J & R	7590
		Wm. A. Haley	10	W. D.	4648
		L. Rosenfield	7	[illegible] X	3515
		C. F. Webb	3	C W	1520
		F. Martinez	10	G. C. H	4774
		Hooie & Brother	7	H & B	3374
		J. San Roman	13	[illegible]	6654
		do	8	B & I.	3895
		do	7	S & C	3718
		do	6	M & C	2986
		do	5	[illegible]	2540
		do	15	D. C.	7020
		do	13	C & C	6888
		do	12	J. S. S	5922
		do	16	J. S.	7562
		do	30	[illegible]	13786
		Amt forward	1039		478083

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Date 1863		From Whom Received	No. of Bales	Marks	Weights lbs.
		Amts forward	1039		478083
August	17	Louis Munds	6	M	2756
		S. R. Dunnock & Co	1	J L I	544
	18	H. P. Graves	3	M & G	1374
		do	5	G	2502
	19	L. H. Cooper	26	R. P.	12090
		S. J. Brown	3	I. O.	1390
		Lopez	1	I. O.	530
	20	E. Martin	2	M	1076
		L. A. Sauters	19	[J]	8815
		Wegment	7	[M]	3302
		L. A. Sauters	14	[D]	5818
		Johnson & Rhine	14	H [S]	6390
		J. H. Shropshire	2	S. S. M	968
		Burchard & Co Succ's	1	N. P.	490
		L. M. Moore	4	[M]	2080
		Burchard & Co Succ's	21	M & G	10030
		do	1	J H C	512
		do	2	B. S.	990
		Tarrant & Co	7	L × G	2860
		do	1	O	460
	21	Gorcouria & Co	4	F. C.	1902
		E. Poucin	9	O	4430
		A Heintzelmann	5	H	2232
		do	2	T	1040
		do	2	H H	998
		McNary & Mather	13	[M]	6402
		W. B. Mather	2	M B M	950
		Burchard & Co Succ's	10	M	4603
	22	Johnson & Rhine	9	H [S]	4320
		do	7	H [M]	3126
		V. Prutat	4	[B M]	1753
		L. Benevaks	4	O	1916
		H. P. Graves	10	J. M. C.	5044
		do	2	O × T	1042
		do	2	C × E [E]	982
		do	2	M	977
		H. F. Barton	4	2	1782
		Droege Cutting & Co	17	[V]	3887
		Burchard & Co Succ's	1	[M]	534
		S. R. Dunnock & Co	2	G. P.	818
	24	Droege Cutting & Co	4	[O]	1894
		Amt forward	1294		593812

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Date 1863		From whom Received	No. of Bales	Marks	Weights lbs.
		Amt. forwarded	1294		093812
August	24	Droege Bethell & Co	4	D.D.	2034
		do	55	L	24052
		do	17	D.O.	7284
		R. B. Kingsbury	2	S	1023
		J. H. Jackson	12	A	5641
		do	6	J.C.	2746
		do	9		3934
	26	L. L. Smith	2	J.S.	1200
		do	1	J.C.	590
		H. Weiss	6	H W	2986
		A. L. Baker	1	C. W.S.	520
		do	1	I W	520
		M. G. Curazos	3	G.C. W	1520
	27	J. San Roman	15	H & Co	7612
		do	8	J L	3801
		do	5	J D	2764
		do	2	R F	882
		do	12	F	4944
		do	5	C H	2130
		do	7	I	3873
		do	10	H	4046
		do	2	O.C	1026
		do	5	M	2276
		do	2	R F	944
		do	6	S.R.	2914
		do	3	S.C	1526
		do	6	C R G W	2942
		do	4	H & S	1862
		do	8	C G S	3716
		do	9	H & Z	4028
		do	11	C R	5368
		J. M. Blythe	1	H D	524
		Purchases	12	I S	5752
		do	9	(S)	4036
	29	J. H. Zachary	15	L & J	5870
	31	Hale & Co	9	J.T	4584
		do	13	J T	6452
		Isaac Arnold	6	J T	2822
		J. A. Sautee	9	JT	3956
		H Mayo	7	M & S	3610
		V. Pratal	10	J M	4338
		Amt forwarded	1622		746795

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Date 1883		From Whom Received	Nr. of Bales	Marks	Weights — lbs
		Amt forward	1622		746795
September	1	F. Runge	2	S.O.	799
		do	1	FR	526
		J. L. Caldwell	5	X X	2250
		Seward & Powers	44	S+2	21776
		Hegmann & Paugnett	3	H. D.	1280
		L. A. Sauter	4	L. D.	1650
		do	2	[L], A.S.	970
		do	20	[L]	9250
	2	Hegmann & Paugnett	3	[HK]	1386
		do	7	H. D.	3604
		Burchard & Co Succ	2	[BRS]	1050
		V. Pritzat	3	[PR]	1650
		Hale & Co	8	[HD]	3694
		A. M. Munger	2	S S M	984
	3	F. Ystueta	10	I L	4900
		J. A. Shropshire	3	I	1618
		do	5	S. S. M	3372
		L. M. Erhard	17	B+B	1700
		Y. Pritzat	3	[P]	2174
		L. M. Allen	17	A [E]	8087
		M. G. Carazos	4	[M], G C	1829
	5	A. Uhde & Co	3	[UM]	1104
		Andrew Norman	1	S.S.	332
		J. San Roman	9	House	4990
		do	4	R F	1888
		do	7	J.S.S.	3672
		do	3	[JL]	1268
		M. Ruiz	2	[EC]	865
	8	M. G. Carazos	4	G. C	1872
	8	J. R. Balfour	4	T. B.	2000
		L. A. Shropshire	2	S. S. M	1078
		A Uhde & Co	3	[UM]	1490
	9	W. Moses	3	[ML]	1412
		L. M. Jockusch	4	J I W	2336
	11	W. J. Burgess	6	[B]	3088
		W. A. Staples	4	[W]	2015
	13	Levy & Schwartz or San Roman	10	L+S	4190
		Meyer Huff & Co	7	MH	3478
		J. Mears & Co	1	S W	570
		Burchard & Co Succ	6	G H G	2742
		Thos Stagnet	3	T. W.	1610
		Amt forward	1873		868288

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Date 1863	From Whom Received	No. of Bales	Marks	Weights lbs.
	Amt forward	1870		868238
Sept 13	Burchard & Co. Succrs	3	R	1672
	A. Uhde & Co	14	W	6242
16	H. E. Woodhouse	19	W	7878
	do	20	R. L.	10807
	do	21	[illegible]	9471
	do	10	[B]	5205
	H. L. Mann	2	W. L.	883
	do	1	W.L.	467
	do	2	W. L.	995
	do	1	W	515
	L. San Roman	1	A. C	514
	do	5	J. C.	2308
	Nemas Baredez	8	N H	3622
	V. Prettat	4	L. O.	2126
	do	2	[B]	1250
	J. N. Shropshire	2	T	962
17	L. Haas	5	[illegible]	2702
	A. Uhde & Co	2	B	1072
	J. A. Santin	3	[illegible]	1470
	do	2	[J]	980
	J. San Roman	10	N & K	4884
	Milus & Co	6	L	2840
21	Droege Oelling & Co	4	S. W. L.	1750
	do	3	N & W	1580
	Burchard & Co Succrs	4	E W	1970
	L. A. Santin	4	O	1606
24	S. Cherry	6	F	3170
	M. Irving & Bro.	117	O T	56124
	do	13	O T	6235
28	J. N. Levy	11	J [illegible] L	5280
	J. San Roman	1	L. L.	544
	do	5	L N	2040
	Burchard & Co Succrs	32	[illegible]	15980
	L. M. Moore	5	N B W	2678
	J. San Roman	5	J	2440
	J. A. Macaulay	4	J. H.	1462
	W. L. Fairchild	2	F	776
29	Burchard & Co Succrs	4	N. S.	1884
30	do	4	N & Co	2048
	J. A. Santin	5	D [illegible] L	2724
	John F. Lynn	13	J H I D	6355
	Amt forward	2261		1053862

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Date 1863		From Whom Received	Nr of Bales	Marks	Weights Lbs
		Amt forward	2261		1053862
Sept	30	J. A. Santos	11	+ D S	5590
"		E. Block & Co	12	L int.	5814
"		F. Perkins	134	L	62074
October	1	L. Haas	2	M J	986
		J. A. Santos	3	+	1826
		do	5	+ D S	2308
		do	3	+ D S	1420
		A Uhde & Co	2	F + D	960
		J. B. Stomach	1	D. V. D.	444
	6	J. San Roman	10	B	4746
		A. Uhde & Co	4	O O	1994
		Burchard & Co Sucrs	11	L O S	6046
		Heins & Co	23	C H + G	11630
		Burchard & Co Sucrs	3	L D	1424
		Pfeuffer & Mann	4	M + P	1938
		Thos Bedford	6	J. L. W	3240
	7	J. San Roman	2	J	1002
	8	Capt Grifpon	8		3822
		Thos Bedford	4	J. S.	2040
		C. H. Stoppe	4	S I	1964
		Burchard & Co Sucrs	12	L O S	5724
	10	Heins & Co	13	B. Y.	6244
		C. A. Buckley	4	C A B	2120
	12	Burchard & Co Sucrs	14	G H G	6708
		J. A. Shropshire	6	C K	2114
		do	2	T	902
		L. L. De Lisle	2	B. C D	728
		A. M. Eerhard	2	T P.	1000
		Capt Grifpon	1		520
		H. Sulzpon	3	B. R. S.	1607
		J. B Stomach	2		916
	14	Shipped by order of	26	Linton	12298
		Capt L. J. Parker	37	I	17465
		do	32	B. R. S.	14092
		do	30	Sundry Mks	14082
		I. San Roman	12	—	4062
		Droege Oetling & Co	3	(Y)	1284
		do	2	A + Br.	614
		do	1	C K	470
	15	Capt L. J. Parker	36	H	16485
		I. San Roman	7	R K	3284
		Amt forwd	2760		1287819

"Continued"

Date 1863		From Whom Received	No. of Bales	Marks	Weights Lbs.
		Amt Forward	2760		1287619
October	15	I. San Roman	7	I + R	3400
		do	3	H + L	1444
		do	2	C 2 + C	848
		Thos. Bedford	4	I 2	1803
		S. R. Dunnock & Co	12	J 2 7 W	6040
	16	Burchard & Co Succ	1	V	408
		do	1	W + T	558
	17	W. J. Burgess	2	T. T.	1102
		do	1	F. S.	396
		Thos. Haynes	2	T W	1062
		Burchard & Co Succ	2	(O R S)	1106
		I. San Roman	6	J. O.	2608
	19	Droege Detling & Co	2	V D	934
		I San Roman	10	J S (S)	4192
		Capt F. J. Parker	11	Thirteen	
		do	46	P + P P	25916
		do	57		24916
	20	Thos. Haynes	4	T W	2018
		F. Ytturria	8	I I.	3624
		do	2	(R)	1016
		V. Pretat	9	G. H.	4306
	21	I. C. Mailler	10	M. G.	3938
		Burchard & Co Succ	1	(W. S)	468
		A Uhde & Co	2	M M	674
	22	I. A. Sautier	6	+	2546
		J. Carbonnel	20	(C) + (C)	10892
		J. A. Sweatmann	2	(C)	1040
		Capt F. J. Parker	11	I. R.	4878
		do	41	I. C. W.	18982
		F. A. Hementon	11	A. C H	4852
	25	M Puig	5	C	2122
	26	I. San Roman	12	R. H. W.	6378
		do	7	(S)	3394
		I. M. Shropshire	1	H + W	502
	27	M. Sucrett	5	G W	2218
		I. A. Sautier	3	+	1442
	28	John Kruse	2	C	1072
		M. P. Graves	5	M + C	2304
		P. Cronni	9	P. C.	4182
		do	9	P. C.	4211
		Capt F. J. Parker	10	J. A. P	4546
		Amt forward	9131		1455976

Continued

Date 1863		From Whom Received	Nº of Bales	Marks	Weights lbs
		Amt forward	3131		1455976
Octo	28	Sam'l Kathrens	6	VX	2728
		Capt F. J. Parker	13	R.S.O	6082
		I. San Roman	10	J.C.	4680
		F. Ytturria	80	— — —	40017
Nov	2	Richard & Co Sund	4	RSJ	1908
		John Young	6	C	3006
		H. Kalff	8	HK	3880
		Impressed by	— —	— —	— —
		Col. A. M Hobby	49	ARS	20066
		Capt F. J. Parker	43	— —	— —
		Total	3344		1538056

Recapitulation

Nº of Bales 20% Cotton. 2760
" " " Impressed " 584
Total number of Bales 3344

I certify on honor that the foregoing Statement embraces all Cotton received by me at Brownsville Texas, on account of the Government, under the Twenty per cent. Loan and by Impressment, under orders from Major General J. Bankhead Magruder

Charles Turpell
Major & Quarter Master
U. S. A.

We certify that we were appointed by Major Charles Russell Chf Quarter Master 1st Division of Texas U.S.A. to sample and receive all Government Cotton received by him at Brownsville Texas under the Twenty percent Loan and by Impressment, and that the foregoing Statement embraces every Bale thus received, with Marks and Weights as stated

Putnam & Henderson
U. S. Receivers & Appraisers

Monterey Mexico
March 1st 1863

1877

Major Chas. Bendell
Quarter Master
U. S. A.

Account Current

Statement of Cotton disbursed at Brownsville Texas
by Major Charles Russell Quarter Master U.S.A.

550	Bales of Cotton	to Aldrich & Lacoste,	242740 lbs	@ 14½	47334 30
200	" " "	" Nelson Chumbo	45118 "	" 30¢	" "
		on Ship board lighters			12233 04
401	" " "	" Bellolds Minier & Bro	183674 "	" 21¢	38571 54
534	" " "	" Aldrich & Lacoste	248417 "	" 23¢	57135 91
50	" " "	" A. Clements	22692 "	" 30¢	" "
		on Ship board lighters			6868 72
60	" " "	" Labatt & Joseph	28535 lbs	" 20¢	5707 00
200	" " "	" Droege Dotting & Co	95492 "	"	20720 60
303	" " "	" Gantheim & Giraud (per Sales)	144152 "		28840 41
100	" " "	" C A Dolan	46040 "		9201 81
275	" " "	" C A Dolan	128576 "		26496 83
271	" " "	" Chs Stillman	127377 "		21110 97
167	" " "	" Sold (per Gc Sales)	80470 "		15907 84
2991	Bales.		1392223 lbs "		$299131 47

— Transferred —

60	Bales of Cotton	to Surg A. Smith	25230 "		6634 05
223	" " "	" Lt Gilt Jamison	109000 "		26042 41
3274	Bales		1529523 lbs "		331807 92

— Returned —

10	Bls. T.C.D	to Bolton & Wilkins	4546 "	
13	" R.S.O	" " "	6082 "	
43	"	2 to Messrs Perkins & Linton	" "	
4	" "	Cash	" "	
3344	Bales	Total	1561151 lbs	

Matamoros Mexico
March 31st 1864

Charles Russell
Major & Quarter Master
U.S.A.

Major Charles Russell Quarter Master C. S. A. in Account Current with the Confederate States

No. Vou.	To whom Paid	On what Account	$	Cts
		To Nett proceeds nos. from 2991 Bales of Cotton as per Statement annexed	$299131.47	
1	By Atterill & Lacoste	Army Supplies		$104702 21
2	" Nelson Clement	Contract with Maj. St Hard		18101 76
3	" Labatte Joseph	Army Supplies		57070 00
4	" Gauthreaux & Co for Seabury	Army Supplies, Naval Contract		28840 41
5	" Pellet des Minimis Bros	Contract with Sec: of War		38571 54
6	" Droege Aething & Co.	Contract Capt. Dupont for cash		20720 60
7	" C. A. Dolsen	Army Supplies		3307 90
8	" Mexican Custom House	Order of Brig Genl Slaughter		23000 00
9	" Capt J. A. Branch	A. C. S. Advances		84 25
10	" Jno Tabor	Printing		70 00
11	" Lt Jno Walton	A. Q. M. Advance		125 00
12	" A. Bartlett	Transportation		100 00
13	" Capt C. McFarlane	Order of Lt Genl E. K. Smith		1200 00
14	" do	do		688 00
15	" Lt A. Shumard Pay Mr	Order of Maj Genl Magruder		400 10
16	" A. F. Santos	" " Sec: of Treasury		200 00
17	" Juan Rico	For Corn		697 00
18	" Capt Jno S. Grier	Ord. Off. Advances		811 00
19	" N. Kahn	2 Horses		250 00
20	" Richd Miller	Express Service		100 00
21	" C. H. Nelson	Order of Genl S. P. Lee		4000 00
22	" Capt Jos. Hopkins	A. Q. M. Advances		140 00
23	" do	do		139 75
24	" Capt R. R. Davis	do		100 00
25	" Capt & Lieut Pay	Order of Genl Smith		280 00
26	" " do	do		140 00
		Amt forwarded	$299131 47	$37862492

No of Vou:	To whom Paid	On what Account	Dr	Cr
		Amt forward	$299131.47	$278624.92
27	By E. Mero	Ambulance Horses		600 00
28	" H. A. Woodward	Service		500 00
29	" B. Hendricks	Corn		1060 00
30	" A Tarbox	Service in Cotton dpt.		360 97
31	" Patrick & Anderson	" " " "		3566 90
32	" A. Superville	" Order of Gen'l Bee		310 00
	" F. J. Parker Estimated amt p'd for frts on 408 Bales of Cotton from procuds of Sales made by him for that purpose			9626 00
	" Chs. Stillman Certificate of Deposit dated Brownsville Oct. 29/63.			2764 3
	" Cash in my hands this day			596 74
	" Supposed Amt in the hands of Capt F. J. Parker for which my account has been rendered			1308 06
			$299131 47	$299131.47

To Balce in Hands of Capt Parker $1308 06

E. & O. E.

Monterey Mexico
March 31st 1864

Chas Stillman
Major & Quartermaster
C. S. A.

Letter

Andrew W. McKee

Govt agt to purchase Cotton

Alexandria La

dated Dairy 28. 1864

States difficulty of safe
transportation across
Miss River as reason for
not sending reports
sooner — Vide —

Rec'd March 10. 1864

No answer required —

Rec'd March 10 1864
No Answer required

Office Cotton Agency
Alexandria La. Janry. 28. 1864

Lewis Cruger Esq.
Comptroller
Richmond Va.

Sir.

Your favor of Nov. 7th has just reached me, contents carefully noted, your favor of June 2nd was also duly received, and answered through Mr. Roane of the Produce Loan office. I have forwarded to that office Reports and Vouchers for 1637 Bales cotton amounting to $94a.356.82. Since the enemy gained entire possession of the Mississippi River it is as you doubtless are aware extremely dangerous to risk vouchers or any valuable documents in the hands of private parties who are endeavoring to cross the river, and the fact is patent that the Government has not yet established any postal arrangement.

I am peculiarly situated with respect to my vouchers, fully one half of those from whom I have purchased cotton are now in the army, and at least one half of the remainder, have moved off with their negroes and stock to save them from the enemy

so that if my vouchers were lost or captured by the enemy it would be next to impossible to find the sellers and procure new vouchers.

I am and have been exceedingly anxious to make my reports regularly, but for the reasons above mentioned I have been afraid to risk my sellers receipts since the fall of Vicksburg and Port Hudson, and I trust these reasons will be allowed to have their due weight when my case is under consideration.

I have now the sellers receipts for 51.302 bales purchased since my ~~last report~~ amounting to $4.213.862.14, and so anxious am I to have my accounts square at Richmond that it is my present intention to report to your office and the Produce Loan office in person sometime during the month of February or early in March. it will take me until that time to get all the reports in from the different sub agencies. and have them digested and copied at this, the Chief Office

Very Respectfully. Yr. obt. servant
Andrew M. McKee
Govt. agt. to purchase Cotton
in Louisiana

Advance Receipt
Jan 5th 1863 $120,000

Receipts of A. B. McKee
Agent to furnish Gold Bonds -
for U.S. Treasury Bonds -
Part of One Million -

Returns made to Treasury
Dept. March 12. 1863

Jany 5. to 21. 1863 - $260.000.

Houston January 5th 1863 Received of James Farley Depositary, C.S. Compon Bonds as follows.

1870 No 719 to 918 - 500$ 100.000
1876 " 1001 " 1200 100$ 20.000 $120.000

One hundred & twenty Thousand Dollars -

Signed in duplicate

Andrew. W. McKee
Genl Agent to purchase
Cotton in La & Texas

Houston, January 15th 1863. Received of James Dorley, Depositary, C. S. Coupon Bonds as follows.

1862	No 1	a	170	500	85,000
1863	1401	a	1550	100	15,000 — 100.000 00

One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Andrew. W. McKee
Genl Agent to Purchase
Cotton in La & Texas

Correct
Wood & Powell

Signed in duplicate

Houston January 21st 1863 Received of James Sorley, Depositary, C. S. Coupon Bonds as follows,

1880	Nos 199 to 208	-	60 -	$500 $30.000.00
1876	" 1.672 " 1.649	-	98 -	$100 9.800.00
"	" 1.651 " 1.672	-	22	" 2.200.00
in all Forty thousand dollars				$40.000.00

Andrew. W. McKee
Genl Agent & Purchase
Cotton in La & Texas

Connect
Wood & Power

Signed in duplicate,

April 1st
1879

Major Chas. Russell
Quarter Master U.S.A.

Report of all transactions
in Cotton Enclosing Statement
of same and submitting them
for examination.

Matamoros Mexico
April 6th 1864

Captain

I have the honor to enclose herewith for your examination the following Statements of my transactions in connection with Cotton

1st. Statement showing the exact number of bales of Cotton rec'd at Brownsville, Texas, under the twenty per cent tax, and by impressment, from whom received, with the marks and weights of each lot.

2nd Certificate of Mr A Sutton, appointed to appraise and deliver said Cotton, with marks and weights of each lot, to whom delivered and at what price.

3d. Statement of disbursements showing the number of bales and pounds sold, to whom, at what price, and the nett proceeds—

4th. Account Current of receipts and expenditures, of all moneys received by me on account of Cotton, with accompanying vouchers,

The above embraces all Cotton received and disbursed by me at Brownsville Texas, on account of the Government, and the following is an exhibit of all received from other sources and at other points

From Major S. Hunt. On account of Contract with Shillman Stevens and King 2381 Bales, weights unknown, this cotton was delivered by Major Hunt in the interior and a portion of it is still en route.

From Col H. J. Hutchins, who holds my Official receipts—282 Bales of Cotton transferred to Major A. G. Dickinson, A.A.G. comd'g at San Antonio Texas, to the agent of Mess J. Simpson for the purchase of Army Supplies by my order

From Mr Jos Dan Liz 28 Bales impressed and sold at Laredo to adjust

— 1. —

to Major Benavides 4 ops, as per Pay Rolls and Statement
from Major A Bloomfield - 134 Bales received at Davis Island
forwarded to Matamoros.
" " " 129 Bales received at Eagle Pass Texas
forwarded to Matamoros
& Statement from Maj Agent in Matamoros
herewith enclosed.

Mr Lorenzo Castro informs me since my arrival here that
forwarded to Matamoros 19 Bales
+ Cotton received by him at Eagle Pass from under
the 20% loan, of which I have no official
Statement.

My Cotton transactions and accounts therefore stand thus.

Total number of Bales rec'd by me at Brownsville 3344 Weighing 1,541,151 lbs.

Number Sold, 2991 Bales weighing 1,092,220 lbs netting $ 299,191.47
" transferred 60 " to Surgeon N. Smith 28230 lbs value . 6,694.05
" " 223 " " St Genl H Simpson 10970 lbs " 26042.45
" Returned 66 " " Owners, unpressed Cotton 16605 lbs weight
of 23 Bales, weight of 3 unknown 3
" Lost 4 " unpressed Cotton weight unknown

Total 3344 Bales received. - Total value realized $331.807.92

Account Current with accompanying vouchers will show how this amount was expended - I will here remark that orders confined my Cotton transactions to Brownsville, and the above is the result, of the twenty per cent loan system, adopted with the approval of the Secretary General in lieu of impressment. Major A. J. Dickinson was at the same time ordered to impress Cotton at San Antonio and forward to me, with a view to create a fund sufficient to meet our foreign indebtedness, and to supply the immediate wants of the Army - The only Cotton transferred through his Agency is the 282 Bales to Mr Simpson

and I presume the 19 Bales forwarded by Mr Eustis - I mention these facts to show that the present indebtedness of the Government in Mexico and Europe is not attributable to any failure on my part to discharge the duty to which I was assigned by the Commanding General but to the fact, that officers in the interior of Texas, who were charged with impressing and forwarding cotton to me, for the purposes contemplated by the order for impressment, failed to place on the Rio Grande one pound of Cotton, or its proceeds, to be applied to the liquidation of this indebtedness - I deem this explanation necessary, not only to myself, but to the Creditors of the Government, and the Country, who are at a loss how to account for our present embarrassment, and failure to pay, with such extraordinary powers vested in officers to obtain cotton for that special purpose - In stating my actions and its results in connection with cotton, I have discharged my duty, it is I presume the province of the Commissioners selected to examine cotton transactions, to ascertain who is responsible for this failure and report accordingly -

It appears from Major Bloomfield's correspondence, copies of which are herewith enclosed, that to enable him to procure the transportation requisite for the speedy removal of this cotton, he found it necessary to offer as an inducement the privilege to parties engaged in transportation to haul one fifth of their private cotton, as as a guarantie for its protection while in transit, this one fifth private cotton was included in his official Bill of Lading as the property of the Government, to be turned over upon its arrival on the Rio Grande, to the different owners, this plan may have been carried out without

confusion had it not been for the occupation of Brownsville by the enemy, but under the existing circumstances it is so complicated and there are so many conflicting claims and interests that I have determined to await further instructions from Major Bloomfield before applying the proceeds to Government purposes — You are respectfully referred to the report of my Agent Mr H. H. Woodward, who received this Cotton, which I herewith enclose.

On your arrival at Brownsville in October last, I was prepared, and notified you of my readiness for the examination of my Office, but on the day appointed, we received information of the intended attack upon the city by the traitor Tidal which of course prevented, this excitement continued until the reported arrival of the enemy, and the result was that the examination did not take place — This I deeply regret, as all my Books papers and every Office or Dept connected with my Dept was present and the examination would have been thorough and more satisfactory to the Government and myself, but the causes that prevented neither you nor I are responsible, — As you are aware, at Matamoros, no opportunity presented itself, but hoping it could be done at Monterey, and supposing your instructions and orders were confined to my cotton accounts — I packed up my papers in connection therewith and brought them with me for that purpose, But in this I was disappointed, You did not reach Monterey until a few days previous to my departure for Laredo when I was unexpectedly called on account of large quantity of Grant Cotton said to be arriving at that place and for officer or agent of the Govt to receive it —

of all this you were advised — I am willing to risk my

unimportant papers or a trunk said to be dangerous, I left them with Mr. P. Phillips for safe keeping subject to my order, & proceeded to establish myself at Eagle Pass, and ordering a portion of my office furniture and our desk to that place.

At Laredo I found it necessary to visit Houston, of which I advised you, thus a series of causes beyond my control prevented our meeting, until my return to Monterey a few days ago — I mention these circumstances because some persons insinuated that my object was to avoid an investigation of my cotton transactions, which you know to be basely false —

On my arrival here, I at once proceeded to prepare for your examination the enclosed documents which embrace all my cotton operations, and which I understood was all that you required, until I received your note, a few days since, — There are many reasons why I cannot give you the information you desire in regard to the disposition of public property purchased and received by me, first, it will require months of incessant labor to go over my official transactions for the past 18 months, & can be no good resulting from an examination of accounts, by you, that have already been approved by the Quarter Master General, and by the Inspector General who has examined my office and made his report thereon — To make you anything like an intelligible statement would require full sets of Property Papers in the Quartermasters Commissary Ordnance and Medical Departments of the Government, for each of which I have received purchased and distributed supplies by orders from Head Quarters — As you are aware I presume that

returns can only be proven at the Quarter Master General's office by a comparison with the returns of other officers with whom I have had transactions, and if incorrect I will be notified — Again a portion of my Books being at Matamoros another at Piedras Negras, and my cotton papers only here, it would be impossible to make them out. My purchase vouchers however are all here, and subject to your examination.

You also require a report from me of all Cotton that was exported into Mexico at Brownsville while I was there. I will only say in reply to this Captain, that I had nothing to do with any Cotton except that belonging to the Government, an account of which over my official signature upon honor I have tendered — You can I presume get the information you desire from Col. A. M. Latham Collector of Customs, who of course has a complete record and who is now here — I will simply remark in this connection that for every pound of Cotton received by me the owner has my official certificate, which certificate is payable in the interior of Texas, by an officer to be designated for that purpose, and which will effectually check or detect any error in my Cotton accounts.

The Statement of Outstanding debts I will furnish you as soon as I can close my accounts at Matamoros. Also an account of the receipts and disbursements with accompanying vouchers of all specie funds received by me from the Treasury Dept. as soon as my health will permit, and I can get my papers together and entire upon duty — Then I will forward to any point you may direct, should you leave before I get them ready —

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have not yet received a copy of your orders or instructions and that I may better understand what is required of me, will thank you to furnish them —

I also enclose copy of Statement made by Capt R.R. Davis of the stores at Brownsville that I transferred to him and which were destroyed by fire — Capt Jas Hopkins the Dept Quarter Master at Brownsville, has joined the enemy, and it is doubtful about my being able to get a ~~[illegible]~~ from him & examine into the affairs of his accounts and will notify you of the result in regard to Capt G.J. Parker, you were present when I called on him for a settlement of his accounts and heard him refuse — he has since deserted and gone to the enemy — I have heard a great many complaints since his desertion, of the issuance of permits to export Cotton without a compliance with the regulations prescribed by the Military Authorities, for which it is said the officer charged with that duty received a consideration

I can only say that Capt G.J. Parker 2nd Regt Tex Infantry was detailed by Brig Genl H.P. Bee, and ordered to report to me for duty in the Cotton Dept — I left the time of the landing of the army Capt Parker had the confidence of the Comdg Genl and so far as I knew of the business community, at any rate I neither saw nor heard anything that caused me to doubt his integrity, while on duty in my office — As you are aware in connection with my duties in the Cotton office, I was Chief Quarter Master and acting Brigade Commissary of Subsistence for the Western Sub District of Texas, which doubled my duties arduous and occupied my whole time, I was therefore necessarily compelled to rely in a

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great measure upon the integrity of officers who were ordered to assist me requiring from them a strict adherence to such rules as I thought Prerequisite for the efficiency of my depot—

Capt Porter was charged with the duty of issuing permits, and required to submit to me for my approval or rejection all applications for exemption, — I know of no instance of a prisoner upon his part to comply with this rule, and on the contrary all have who now pretend to know as much of his character did not inform me when it was in my power to do so — This conduct of Porter satisfied me that he was open to bribery in the discharge of his official duties; but while entertaining this opinion of him, I must say that parties who were aware of the existence of fraud and failed to make it known until after his desertion, are equally (guilty) and entitled to no greater respect or confidence than the traitor, Porter—

I have diligently enquired for something definite, so that I could make an examination, but have failed, it is all by insinuation for which no man is responsible — I know of but one mode by which we can arrive at the truth of these assertions, and would respectfully suggest an examination of the Custom House books which will exhibit every bale of cotton crossed, by whom etc: and Lieutenant Col Gatlin, Collector, will facilitate you in the examination —

Respectfully submitting the foregoing

I have the honor to remain Captain
Your Obedient Servant
Charles Thomas
Major & Quarter Master
U.S.A.

To
Capt T. Ducayet
Monterey
Mexico

1880

Pay to Davis Gonzales
Cristoval Bernardes
A. A. Quarter Master

Eagle Pass March 20th 1863
Rec'd on the within One
thousand Dollars in Specie
Davis Gonzales
(Signed)

Office Brig Quarter Master
Fort Brown Texas.
March 14th 1863.

$ 1000

At Sight pay to Lieut Ristoval Benavides A.A.Q.M., at Laredo One Thousand Dollars in specie, and charge to account.

Your ob. St.
Charles Russell
Major C.S.P.A.
Brig. Q. Master

(Signed)

San Antonio 6th May 64

Maj Chas Russell

2278

Introducing Militio
Applying for settle=
ment of his claim

Quarter Masters Office
San Antonio Texas Augt 10 1864

Colonel

Mr D Milmo of the firm of Milmo & Co of Monterey & Matamoras, leave this morning for Houston, and I write pleasure introduce him to you as a Merchant, and Gentleman worthy your confidence and esteem — The object of Mr Milmos visit to Houston, is to effect a settlement with your office upon the terms and conditions agreed upon by Judge Devine and Mr McKinney, of which Judge Devine has written you fully and to adjust the claim of Attwell & Lacoste for supplies already delivered, and to be delivered under my contract with them —

I have written you fully in regard to this claim, and furnished you with Invoice of Goods now in Mexico, purchased expressly for the Government at the request of Major Miller, and which are much needed — Please hand the copy of Invoice I left with you to Mr Milmo, so that he can if he desires it, make a copy —

I feel a deep interest in this transaction, first because the Invoice consists of Articles adapted to the Army, and which cannot be purchased elsewhere in Texas or Mexico, and secondly on account of efforts having been made by designing men to prejudice their claim on account of personal hostility to me — and I sincerely hope some satisfactory arrangement will be made — Mr Milmo will explain the whole transaction, and I deem it unnecessary to say more than refer you to the Invoice to satisfy you that the Articles are much needed — Any attention shown Mr M will be appreciated by

Col W A Pennington
Chief of Cotton Bureau
Houston

Very Respectfully Your Obt Svt
Charles Russell
Maj & A Q M C S A

(Copy)

Laredo Nov 28 1863

1683

Maj Charles Russell

Q M C & A C

Reporting arrival in the Confederacy & negotiation of a loan of $100.000 in coin

Has made arrangements for payment of freight on Govmt Cotton -

Copy)

Laredo Nov 28th 1863

Major

I have the honor to report my arrival here to day with the necessary funds to pay the freights on Cotton consigned to me on account of the Govt

I have also sent Agents to Roma on Eagle Pass and Hope they will be able to procure sale of any portion of it for freight. I have requested to report the sale of a few Bales here by order of the Collector and will make an effort to secure it

I assure you Major I was disgusted to procure funds in Mexico on account of the Govmt under existing circumstances, with the frontier wholly unprotected and the probability of our ports being closed but I succeeded in negotiating a loan of $1.5[illegible] in Coin, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay freights, a portion of which I send to Eagle Pass & Roma and have a portion with me here I find a large quantity of Major Kerrs Cotton which I presume belongs to the Govmt, and am paying the freight to prevent its being sold I have advised Major Hord and Hope my action may be satisfactory If possible Major I must a sufficient force may be sent to protect this point. At Eagle Pass. It can be done with a comparatively small force, the enemy not being in a condition to move for want of subsistence & Cavalry - they number about 3000 or 3500 now at Brownsville two Regiments having been sent to Corpus Christi on the Nueces River about 400 under the traitor Vidal - Major Edwards is below here with about 150 men and is doing fine service he swears he will protect the Rio Grande and in view of the importance of this trade I feel he will be reinforced,

I am gratified to say, that I saved all

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and Spare Papers, but regret to report the destruction of all the Papers connected with the Office of the Depot Quarter Master, and a large amount of Public property. I have written Genl McCulloch to make me a Statement as well as he can which I will forward to you as soon as rec'd.

My Orders was to Forward all my property to the Depot Quarter Master for Transportation and distribution, he attended to the Shipments and Transportation to the Various Posts and informs me that he has always sent America with the R/R - I will write you more fully on this point in a few days, at present I am anxious to get off my express & Family, and arrive our destination very much. Please upon my arrival in the Confederacy to the Post Office my Family

All my commercial arrangements so satisfactory and our supplies will go thro' Eagle Pass if it is protected from enemy

Gov Vidaurri has placed at my control a Sufficient military force for my protection as well as the protection of all public property under my control and has facilitated me in every possible Way - Write me to Eagle Pass care Lorenzo Castro, as I shall go there as soon as I can arrange matters here

In haste - With Great respect

Your Obt Svt

Major D. Flemfield A. Charles Russell

C of 2d M C.C. & Adjt & 2d M C.S.A.

A True Copy

Jim Enochs
Capt 2d M C

1687

San Antonio to Laredo

Maj. Chas. Rapine

2277

Referring to the organization of transportation the new route to Rio Grande City &c &c

For file & Memorandum. - I have given directions to issue 3 affirmative & Copies of the instructions under which that new mail will now acting will be ultimately kept to Memorandum to be filed. W. T. B

Quarter Masters Office
San Antonio. August 10th 1864

Colonel

Sir. I have the honor to enclose Copy of my letter of instructions to Captain Barrett & Birge, which I hope will meet with your approval - I have conversed with these Gents fully, and impressed upon them the necessity of prompt & immediate action. They have assured me, that one thousand Bales per month or more will be deposited at Waco & Moseley's Ferry with their present means of transportation, and will be increased under existing orders from Dept Head Quarters

My arrangements here will enable me to place monthly at this place from these points 2000 Bales commencing in September, and from this place to the Rio Grande all that we can get. - In a word Colonel, there will be no difficulty about transportation, and all that I desire is to be informed regularly, where the Cotton is stored, and in what Quantities. Please send me a list of your local agents and order them to keep me fully advised - I received rather a despondeing letter from Mr Perkins last mail. He Complains bitterly of the arduous & complicated duties devolved upon him &

his inability to comply. I replied making such suggestions as I thought would partially relieve him, and advised him to lay the whole matter before you. Some changes are necessary in your organization on the Rio Grande - You need active, Energetic, and thorough business men, with a Salary sufficient to enable them to devote their entire time to the interest of the Government. It is not only bad policy but bad Economy to pay a man $83.00 per month at a point, where his Expenses double or treble the Amount, thus forcing him to the necessity of Engaging in private business - No agent of the Govt in my opinion, Employed in receiving & forwarding Cotton, on the Rio Grande should be permitted to receive Consignments for private individuals, it consumes too much time and is an act of injustice to the Agent, being well calculated to create suspicion in the public mind - I would therefore respectfully suggest that their salaries be increased to an Amount, that will ensure the services of reliable and Competent men, making them entirely independant of all private influence.

The route to Rio Grande City is now open, and possesses as many advantages over every other route to Matamoras. that Captain

Fritchell and myself have concluded to forward all Cotton there until otherwise ordered - We have now en route for Matamoras. 4 Crop at Rio-Grande city 263 Bales. of which Mr Perkins and Mr Gilmore have been advised. and requested to send an agent there to pay the duties and superintend its Export - It being in my opinion the most important post on the Rio Grande, a Competent Agent should be sent there at once- after Consultation with Capt Fritchell. we know of no better selection that could be made than Mr Jno Dickinson of Houston and would respectfully recommend him to your favorable Consideration.

The Edmunds goods have been loaded and are now en-route, to whom shall I invoice them ?- The drafts have been sent to Mr Perkins for collection, with instructions to forward the amount to me, when it arrives it will be applied as you direct-

There is no market here for Cotton at present- Cause, Scarcity of money on account of political differences in Mexico, rendering its transportation unsafe

To Ruffly Captains Barrett and Berja and to pay freights, a sacrifice

is necessary, which is annoying, and I trust Mr Perkins will soon be enabled to furnish us with funds.—

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
Charles Turpell
Major & Quarter Master

To
Col H.A. Broadwell
Chief Cotton Bureau
Houston

San Antonio Aug 4th

Maj Chas Russell
to
Capt Barnes
&
Capt Bryce

2276

In regard to the
organization of
transportation

Dealers Marks Office
San Antonio Texas
August 10th 1864

Captain

Pursuant to orders from Col W.A. Broadwell Chief of Cotton Bureau, I have established my Head Quarters at this place, as Chief of all transportation engaged in the transportation of Cotton.

To supply the army of the Trans Miss Dept with a thoroughly organized System of transportation is necessary. For which purpose I have divided the State into convenient districts and established depots for the concentration of Govt Cotton and army Supplies

At the suggestion of Capt. H. H. Barrett, and yourself as the enclosed statement will show, the North Eastern portion of the State, will comprise two Districts, Numbered One and Two, you are respectfully assigned to duty as Chief of District No. 1. with your Head Quarters at Jefferson, and Capt H. H. Barrett of District No. 2. Head Quarters at Henderson. Subject to the approval of Col W.A. Broadwell — One half the means of transportation within your respective districts engaged in hauling Cotton, is by virtue of Gen. Orders from Dept. Head Quarters, dated July 25th 1864, declared necessary for Government purposes, and is plac

under your exclusive control to be employed in hauling Government Cotton, and also any supplies to and from the several counties to Waco, Waxahachie or such other points as may be directed. You are authorized in the event you should deem it necessary to subdivide your district, and appoint such assistants as may be requisite for the efficiency of this service, who will receive their orders through you.

For your information I enclose official copy of Genl orders from Department Head Quarters, by which you will see that you are first required to offer "fair and remunerative" prices for this service, and are authorized to resort to impressment only in case where parties refuse. Being familiar with the Country and its resources, you will determine upon a remunerative price, and make it uniform throughout your district, requiring all parties to conform thereto. To facilitate you, and induce parties to enter this service cheerfully, it may be necessary to propose a partial payment in Coin, which you are authorized to do, but if possible, it is not only desirable, but greatly to the interests of the Government that your transactions should be in currency. Of this you can advise me on your return home.

You are also authorized to make applications

for a detail of one unarmed conscript for every forty Bales of Cotton hauled, and to guarantee the teams and Teamsters while thus employed from impressment or other military interference.

You are fully aware of the urgent and pressing necessity of placing Cotton in Mexico with which to purchase Supplies for the ensuing campaign, and as the crop of Western Texas is nearly exhausted, every effort must be made to get the Eastern Cotton forward, much therefore depends upon Capt Barrett & yourself, and I have every confidence from your long experience and known energy that a sufficient quantity will be deposited at Waco & Mosely Ferry on the Brazos, to provide what is necessary for the comfort and efficiency of the army, and restore the credit of the Govmt, by a payment of existing indebtedness this being the object, you are authorized and expected to exercise a sound discretion keeping me fully advised of all your movements &c.

I will have transportation at Waco and Mosely's Ferry to haul Cotton deposited by you, to the Rio Grande, and you are expected to write me frequently & fully, as to the number of Teams employed, the number of bales that you can deliver monthly, with such suggestions as you may deem expedient

Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Charles Kupee
Major Qr

Copy. to Capt Barrett
" " " Brazos

San Antonio 691
Sept 14 1864
Chs Russell
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Ufsmy to Sundry Matters
in Cotton office at S.A.
asks what to do with wood
&c

file

San Antonio Sept 14 1864

Dr Col

By an express just leaving I write you a hasty note, We are receiving Cotton steadily and by the 18th will have en route to Matamoras about 1500 Bales, which I hope will relieve Mr Perkins, am glad the Red River Cotton was turned over to King and the post closed up, it will relieve us of much trouble, and expence — Have rec'd P.S.L.J for 657 packages Mules goods from Eagle Pass dated 5th inst, am looking for them every day Have forwarded immediately — Capt Barrett informs me he can make the deliveries to enable us to meet the payments — hope Mr Perkins will forward them from Matamoras at once as I am anxious to get them through — Rec'd a letter from him yesterday, informing me he had shipped some cloth &c— am glad of it as all our letters say it is much needed — Mr Childs called on me yesterday is discontinuing & will visit Shreveport, I told him it was too late to think of getting his goods for this winter and I thought the necessities of the service would force you to make some immediate arrangements, he left last night — Rec'd a letter from Mr Jamison in regard to his securing Cotton in Louisiana for his stock, wanted an order from me on Capt Black, declined it for want of authority, The goods he proposes to sell were bought

from Shiloh, and are by no means to those offered by Vance,
I regret the latter the most favorable proposition that
has been made, and would suggest in the event Mr Perkins
is at all embarrassed in his negotiations, that the purchase
be made from Vance payable in the interior, this with
what we have & Mr Clemens stock will I think be sufficient, and will relieve Mr P. — We have negotiated
a loan from the depository to avoid the sacrifice of
Cotton, until we can get the $50,000 from Memphis
Please urge Mr P to forward as soon as possible,
Every thing is working smoothly & would succeed were
it not for the bad brand stamp into our camps of which
Mr Winchell advised you, it is unfortunate, and I fear the
results, — My presence at Utica for a few days I think
necessary but do not like to leave until you return,
Major Walker continues to write long letters, and his
course has been so unfriendly among us, but I hope is now
understood — Major Willis will write you in regard to
permits, What am I to do with the cows," it is in a
deranged condition — I send you several Circulars
& it is a long long job but the best we could get
& I hope will answer the purpose — My regards
to Messrs Perkins & Ripley, will visit them in a few
days In haste —

Very Resp Yours &c
Chas Pfau
Maj & Q.M.

Col W P D Brownell
Memphis
Tenn

San Antonio 16 22 2nd Sept. 1842

Maj Charles Russell. A.A.G.

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Referring to the shipment of
Stores to the interior. &c &c,
Gov. Runnah, Col. Broadnax.
Meeting of the Texas Legislature.
Want of money &c &c

Refers to Capt Mills
who will after reading
it. transmit to Capt
Reuse to be filed
at Shreveport

W. A. B

San Antonio Texas Sept 23 1863

Dear Sir

Yours of 7th inst from Rio Grande City Mc Cotton, morning, and contents noticed, I explained to Capt Wells in regard to Circular letter, it was only intended to apply to Cotton intended for shipment to the Rio Grande, & have rec'd reply which is all satisfactory

I rec'd yesterday from Mr Perkins by Rives's train 1800 yds of Cloth, 10 Cases Clothing & 1 Case Satinetts, which I have shipping to day to Marshall & Waco, for redistribution, as Major Hayes may direct. I am also advised by Mr P— of the shipping of Blankets, Cloth & Shoes, which I presume will be here in a few days, and will be immediately forwarded. I advised you of the arrival of 681 packages of the Brilus goods, which will be sent by every opportunity. Cotton is arriving in large quantities, and supplies being sent to the army, which is not only gratifying to us, but satisfactory to the people.

Major Walker continues to write lengthy letters, this morning he acknowledges his error, and points it out, considers matters now his own position & will act accordingly. He informs me that Capt Wells has disposed of all the Cotton at Waco, this I regret to hear, as I fear it will again create some confusion in regard to transportation, but will try to manage it, Would it not be best to advise me of such transactions at depots when Cotton is concentrated for shipment, I merely suggest this now will talk the matter over more fully when we meet. Am advised of the Receipt and shipment to me of 175 Bales of the Brilus Cotton, and Capt Barrett writes encouragingly as to the prospect of paying the Cotton debt. Am glad you have understood

an investigation of the Treasury Cotton it seems it was much, stop these leaks and confidence will be restored, will call Major Willis attention to the matter.

I send a letter from the Governor in reply to one I wrote him, expressing the privilege of continuing in service transportation detailed by him from the Fourth Regiment, he cheerfully complied with my request, and expresses his readiness to render us all the assistance in his power.

I took occasion in my letter to allude to yourself in connection with the Parish, as applies - It is to Col Bonaduce much as he has been absent, and is still, in his conferences, and communications with me, he shows the man of sense, of energy, and of good purpose. The Legislature meets on the 3d Monday in October, which I regret, but am satisfied the Governor will recommend to the people a cheerful compliance with the requirements of the Parish.

We must have done many, or sacrifice Cotton, - An arrangement has been made with the depository for a loan until we can get a remittance from Mr Perkins, but we may be called on at any moment, and I trust, that I shall be sent Mr Fairchild by special express, whenever the money gives out he gets dispersed, and we must keep him closed up. We have no news but the fall of Atlanta & the death of Morgan, both seriously disastrous but can I hope be overcome, write my regards to Lt Col Mr Ripley Capt Lynch and Maj Gl. I remain

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Charles Dupuy
Maj & Insp

Col W A Bradwell
Chf Cotton Bureau
Shreveport
La

Saint Anthony Park 3 1865

Major Chas. Hudson,

1209

Enclosing papers in regard to Mr Champ Carter

Quarter Masters Office
San Antonio Tex, March 3 1865

Col

I have the honor to enclose correspondence between Mr J McElroy & myself relative to his Cotton in Harrison County and at Jefferson I can give no information to the agts of Mr McElroy in regard to Permits, but informed them that I would enclose the documents to you, and you would attend to it as to our Permits expire on the 1st May, they would be of no use to Mr McElroy, and I think it best he should be paid in money, the price stipulated for in the lease was to make it Equivalent to corn and, I would suggest it be settled on this basis Messrs Vance & Porter represent Mr McElroy & I would thank you to correspond with them upon this subject

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully Your Obt Svt
Charles Kapfle
Maj & A M Genl

Col W A Broadwell
Shreveport
La

Matamoros Mexico
Feby 15th 1865.

Maj' Chas. Russell
San Antonio - Texas.

My dear Sir

I have only just returned from Havana, and find Your letter of Nov.r 17th 1864. from Shreveport La. in answer to mine to Col. Wm Broadwell of Oct 1st 64 - in reference to some lots of Cotton, in Jefferson & Harrison Cotton, Texas - I enclose You a Copy of your letter - in which You state that. U. A. Berge A.A.M. had taken possession of one half of this Cotton and specifying Conditions &c - Now if one half of this Cotton had fallen in. to the hands of the Authorities. under the law - of Course the permits for the remaining half was issued at the time and as I was the only one authorized to receive such documents, You will please inform me, what steps I must take to get those documents - C. G. Rus-

of Jefferson Texas, was my authorised
agent to take Care of said Cotton, &c
but not anticipating that the Gov would
take possession so soon, I did not in-
-struct him to receive the permits
and I am sure he has not, for he
says nothing about it in his letters
to me - I send a list of this Cotton
to Majr Vance Brother Sanantonio, with
power of Atty to receive the permits
from you or any one authorised to
issue same - I have talked with
Col Gray here, also with Mr Perkins
and they both assure me that my
absence will not Endanger my
interest beyond the One half legally
by law - Col Gray assures me that
by writing to you before you leave
Sanantonio that you will see me
placed on an Equal footing to others
I very much regret that I Could
not get here in time to present my
claim for permits before the time Spec
-ified in your letter had expired
but as your letter distinctly states
that Capt H A Berge had taken one

half of this Cotton - I feel Confident
that permits were issued at the time
or you now hold them in obeyance to
my order - Knowing you as I do I
feel Confident you will see that justice
is done me - this is all I ask - place
me upon an equal footing with all
and I am satisfied - I am only
the agent for this Cotton - the owners
have been persecuted and driven from
their homes because they were Rebells
and outside of this Cotton they have
nothing - and I understand these
permits are valuable now - and it
will be a godsend to them to get the
small portion - the value of permits for
one half - You will please turn over
those permits to McP Vance & Bro San Antonio
they will send me the proceeds if any -
McP Vance will furnish you the list
and with whome I stand, and at what
localities - Please write me at your
Earliest Convenance, Care Jno Fox & Co
Matamoros - Very Respectfully
J. M. Elroy

P.S. I have sent a copy of your letter to Mrs Duncan Rev - they will present some to you -

J. McElroy

/ (Copy) / List of Cotton, with whom stored, and at what localities :-

E. G. Berry, - Residence Jefferson, Texas, Cotton at and near Jefferson, has 379 Bales

J. O. Dale, Clarksville, Red River County " 209 "

Dr. G. A. Goodman, Smith County " 80 "

A. Wilson, Tyler, " " " 34 "

Isidor Wolf, Linn do — do — " 12 "

Dr. Griffith, Nacogdoches " 96 "

Bonner & Bonner, Rusk, Cherokee County, " 50 "

708 Bales

Several other small lots can be pointed out if necessary.

/ Signed / J. M. Perry

/ (Copy) /

Shreveport, La. November 17th 1861

Sir —

I am directed by Col. W. A. Broadwell to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Oct 14th from Baltimore, Md., enclosing list of Cotton in your name stored at Jefferson and in Harrison County near Marshall. Capt W. A. Berger A.Q.M. at Jefferson, has taken possession of one half of this Cotton, and will settle with your agent by the payment of Twenty five cents per pound in old Currency or he will issue a permit to export a like quantity. In the event you or your agent should determine to receive the permits in preference to Money, it is necessary that you should make the application before the 1st of Feby next, as by an arrangement with the Treasury Department no permits will be issued after that date, except in Conformity with the Regulations herewith enclosed.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Charles Russell

Major Gen C.S.A.

(" ")

J. McElroy Esq.

Care

Capt Dr. Perkins

Agt Treasury Dept,

Baltimore, Md.

Vicksburg 28th Nov 1864

1874

Maj Chas Russell

748

Report of Capt Bonds operations & delivered

at Waco	2107	
en route	467	2598
San Antonio	955	
Navasota	511	
Packers Bluff	227	
Magnolia	1770 / 1142	1142
		3740

Journal Trans & Returns at Post Quartr

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6 ·· —	114000

Henderson Tex Nov 26 1864

Dear Col

I wrote you from ~~Henderson~~ Jefferson, giving you statements of Capt Birgis operations, I arrived here this morning, and have rec'd Capt Barretts statements as follows—

Delivered at Waco —	2147	
en route to " "	451	2598
Del'd at San Antonio		155
" " Sarasota		50
" " Parkers Bluff		227
" " Magnolia		700
Total		3740 Bales

This gives us at Waco, including the 1701 Bales hauled by Capt Birge - 4292 Bales, much better than I expected, and I think a sufficiency to answer my purposes, if I am not called on to turn over a portion of it to Gen Thomas — Capt Barrett says he has about 1000 Bales engaged, 600 of which he thinks he can deliver at Waco by the 1st January - if there has Gentlemen (B & B) succeed in getting the 1700 Bales now engaged, we have nothing to fear, Capt Barrett thinks all who can get the means of transportation within his District, will make an effort to haul their Cotton to Waco, before the 1st of Feby, so as to obtain a permit, we may get several hundred bales in this way, but independent of this, we will have all that we require west of the Trinity, including the 700 Bales above mentioned — Capt Barrett deserves great Credit, and I feel under many obligations to him for the valuable assistance he has rendered us

I had a long interview with Capt Black and Judge Gray, the latter evinces a good deal of feeling on account of Genl order No 88, authorising you to continue the purchase & Shipment of permits until the 1st of Febry, he says it will materially interfere with his plans, and I am fearful some additional charges will be made, — I think it necessary to conciliate him, and for this purpose I suggest that the Pulaski cotton, (which he claims) be turned over to him, and that our transactions in North Eastern Texas be confined to the removal of the 700 Bales already acquired by Pinto & Ringo, this will keep us occupied during the winter and I am satisfied we will get all that we want West of the Trinity, — I think this will satisfy the Judge, without interfering with us, — I recommended the immediate removal of all the Cotton in Western Texas to Matamoras, and proposed to furnish the transportation if he desired it, he approved my suggestions and will give Mr Sampson the necessary instructions, (I think it important to keep the Judge & Capt Black in good spirits until we can consummate our plans, and I know of no other way than to transfer the Pulaski cotton, which will be quite as much as they can attend to this winter in this section, and) I will push forward their cotton at my end of the route —

Capt Pinto asked my advice in regard to hauling Cotton to Navasota, and having read the circumstances I recommended that his 8 Wain be sent there, it will haul about 125 Bales and leave next week — Will write again from Palmetto Bluff for which place I will leave tomorrow morning —

Regards to Capt Slemmon
Col W A Pinckney
Thompson

Yours truly
Charles Murphy

Savannah Jan 23 1865

1625

Maj Chas Russell

1064

Cannon and Projectiles

Dimt Cotton or Ammunition.

Jeh

San Antonio Jany 20 1865

Dear Colonel

Yours of 2nd inst. rec'd — In regard to the 650 Bales of Cotton to Reiz & Co. and your suggestion to divert a portion of the Milam Cotton, if I could do so "with propriety" for its payment, I will state, that I do not feel authorized without positive orders from you, to use appropriated Cotton for any purpose other than that for which it was intended, No one regrets more than myself the inconvenience to which Reiz & Co. have been subjected by Capt Wells action in the use of this Cotton, but as great as is my anxiety to correct this error, and pay these Gent promptly, I cannot "with propriety" place myself in the same position of Capt Wells, by applying Cotton as sacredly pledged to other parties, as the 650 Bales were to Reiz & Co., I can only repeat what I have before written, that both Capt Burchell and myself realize the obligations of the Govmt to R & Co. for the valuable assistance rec'd us, and will do all we can to return the Cotton at the earliest possible moment — Mr Hale was here yesterday, and I explained to him fully my position, he urged his claim in his usual style, and concluded by saying he would get from you a position order to turn over the Cotton without regard to previous engagements, which I told him we would cheerfully obey — Capt Burchell requests me to say that his suggestion referred to cotton en route from Eastern Texas, and not to that at Waco or this point, but dont let this thing trouble you, as I shall do every thing I can for its payment, and will make it satisfactory — I am gratified to learn that you anticipate

the rest of a large amount of exchange & specie, it will relieve us very much.

Very truly Yours
Charles Dupre
Major & Dmcsa
Chf of Transpn

Lt Col W A Broadwell
Chf Cot Bureau
Shreveport
La

San Antonio Jan 12 1866

Maj Chas. Russell,

979

With Enclosures. Regarding Complaints & charges against his official action on the Rio Grande

File

San Antonio Texas June 12 1865=

Dr Colonel

I inclose you copies of letters rec.d from Genl Slaughter with my reply, also copy of my letter to Capt Lucyatt,

So far as Mr McKinney was concerned, I determined to remain quiet until I could see him, he came in my Office yesterday and gave both Mr Burchell & myself his hand, remained a few moments & promised to return, this morning he came again & I handed him Genl Slaughters letters which he read, I remarked that I was aware he had spoken of these transactions some time ago, but wished to know if he had given them publicity since the evening I spent at his House in Austin, he replied that he had, and denied ever having invited me to his House, but said I accompanied you contrary to his wishes, You are too familiar Colonel with the circumstances connected with this visit to render any explanation from me necessary, I will thank you to write me what occurred as nearly as you can= I felt indignant, and ordered him to leave my Office, he drew his knife, and I my Pistol, parties in the Office intervened, and the matter for the time being ended=

I am aware that I would have been legally justifiable in shooting the contemptible fellow, and think I would have done the country service, but on account of my family, am glad that I did not, this transaction so clearly & conclusively confirms the opinions that I entertained of him, prior to the unfortunate visit, that reconciliation is now impossible, and our intercourse both private and Official, (as I informed him) is forever at an end= and I repeat to you what I said to him, "that if any Official position required me to transact business with such an infernal Villain, I would ask immediately to be relieved

I had hoped that after the investigation at Houston, based entirely upon evidence furnished by my enemies — obtained in Mexico during my absence, & resulting in my full acquittal, that these malicious slanders would no longer be circulated, but I find I am mistaken - and I am determined to hold Capt Dreyfus officially responsible —

I have never seen Dreyfus report, but he told me in my office at Monterey it was satisfactory, and all that I could wish, he repeated this in my office at San Antonio, but continues the circulation of slanders investigated by himself, which he must have been satisfied were false, or he would have preferred charges against me - such conduct is certainly unbecoming an officer and Gentleman, and I will not submit to it longer - I will thank you to send me a copy of his report, and order me to proceed to Brownsville to close up the Milmo Contract, and settle other unfinished business, so as to give me an opportunity of collecting evidence - I will not leave until I arrange matters here so as to prevent any harassment in my office during my absence, and will return as soon as possible - You will see from Genl Slaughters letter that the only new charge is the 'Rustamento Contract' with which you are familiar, please send me an official statement of facts in connection with it, the other charges I assume you are equally ridiculous and absurd — The accounts of Milmo & Co are complicated, and cannot be settled satisfactorily or beneficially to the Government without my presence, and I intended applying (before getting this information in regard to McKinney & Dreyfus) for orders to proceed to Matamoros to adjust them. Your compliance with my request will much oblige me — Please show this correspondence to Col Allston & Maj Hart, and if you think proper to Genl Smith, —

Mr Trenchill has kept you fully advised in regard to our Cotton operations, it is coming in slowly, why I do not know unless it be on account of the Treasury Dept controlling our Eastern transportation, We have turned over to Mulvey 836 Bales, and to Gov Morehead 102 Bales, we have also made the San Antonio payment to the latter of which you have been advised — Rustamente has rec^d about 120 Bales, and expresses some uneasiness about the remainder To Kirby & Co we have transferred on your order 131 Bales, & will continue to turn over as it arrives This order embarrasses us very much, no provision having been made to meet the obligations of the office at Houston, we will however do all we can —

I wrote Capt Hastie a long letter a few days since pointing out the impracticability of the Texas plans, and making some suggestions, I presume he will show you the letter, The change is regretted by all, but by none more than officers and agents who feel an interest in the supply of the army, — I am ready and anxious to render all the assistance in my power, but failure is inevitable, in my opinion — Will write again soon.

Write my kind regards to our friends Mr & Mrs Stindy, Capt Stevenson, Col Alston & Charley Lovett, and my regrets for having to write you upon these unpleasant subjects — I remain

Very truly Yours

Charles Tufts
Asp Q M Mesa
Chf of Transpn

Col W A Broadwell
Chf Q M Texas
Shreveport
La

Brownsville Texas
December 12th 1864

Major

It is my duty to inform you that there are a great many rumors in circulation prejudicial to your reputation — Among others you are accused of Changing a contract between the Govmt and Messrs Allred & Lacoste greatly to the injury of the former — Also of having permitted Mr James to crop cotton without paying the 20 per centum — Of having permitted a man by name Sutton to crop Cotton on a permit obtained from one Mr Taylor for which said Sutton paid $000 Also of permitting a Mr Spaulding of Austin to cross his Cotton, the Spaulding paying Mr Gilgin six dollars per bale for the same. Also of having written a letter to Mr Lansburg to hold on to some Govt Cotton, stating that you would aid him to make vouchers coming the amount, All of which if true I have no doubt you can explain if called on by the proper authorities Nevertheless 'tis my duty as your friend and also as an officer to inform you

A contract recently made with one Bustamente is also commented upon—

The Gentlemen who speak so highly in
Regard to these matters are Capt Dunnagh
and Col Thos McKinney

I am respectfully
Your Obt Svt
J. E. Slaughter
Brig Genl

9691

Major Charles Russell Jr
San Antonio

A True Copy
Charles Russell
Maj 1st M C S A

My dear Russell

I have written the enclosed for reasons which will be obvious to you, I have forwarded no report nor will I do so. I am hoped I shall endorse upon the papers that this whole matter was thoroughly examined by the Cotton office, as well as myself last Winter, and although I cannot recollect the facts in the case, yet I know that you were vindicated to the entire satisfaction of us all and an order published settling forth that fact —

We are all getting along pretty well everything was and is yet in greatest confusion. If you should be relieved from duty under the new regulations I should be delighted to have you with me when you have nothing better to do write me

Yours in haste
J Langhorn

a True Copy
Chas Stimpel
Mus Sec'd Reg

San Antonio Texas Dec 20th 1861

Dear General

Yours of 12th inst was rec'd on my return to San Antonio yesterday, and I am under many obligations for your kindness in advising me of those slanders, and giving the names of parties it enables me for the first time, to hold an officer of the army responsible, and I intend to compel him to prove his assertions, or I will prefer charges against him for conduct unbecoming an officer and a Gentleman, by circulating reports prejudicial to my Character, which he knows to be false & malicious

I enclose you a letter to Capt Ducayet which I will thank you to deliver — For the satisfaction of yourself, and other friends whose good opinions I esteem, I will briefly state the circumstances connected with these slanders, all of which were investigated by Capt Ducayet, (except the Bustamente Contract) and his report made to Head Quarters — In relation to the Athel & Lacoste Contract being changed by me, I will only state, that no Contract to my knowledge ever existed, I have diligently enquired for it, and have failed, Majors Winter, Washington & Mackin gave Athel & Lacoste Memt of articles to be purchased for their respective Depts no price or mode of —

payment specified, the only obligation upon the part of the Govmt. was that if the articles suited, and they could agree upon terms, the above named officers would purchase the goods on their arrival — if a contract was made, I knew nothing of it at the time, and have since failed in all my efforts to discover it, in addition to this I was ordered by Genl. Magruder to purchase their supplies, and impress Cotton to pay for them, I purchased at 75 ¢ & more at the same time goods of an inferior quality — and not so well adapted to the service, were being delivered under contracts made by the Sec of War & Major Hart at 100 per cent advance, all of which I am prepared to show —

In relation to Mr James having Crop'd Cotton without complying with the 20 ¢ customs, he had a positive order from the Sec of War approved at Dept Head Quarters authorizing the exportation of Cotton for the purchase of Rail Road Material — As to Mr Spaulding I have no recollection of the man, pronounce the charge an infamous lie, upon reference to my Books I find that Mr Jockish exported on the 24th of August 1863 a lot of Cotton for Spaulding & Johnson of Travis County and turned over to me 12 Bales weighing 5340 pounds for which he holds my certificate — I have written Mr Spaulding enclosing extract from your letter and will send you his reply — I will also thank you to call on Mr Gilgau — so far as my letter to Lavenburg goes it is too

absurd & ridiculous to require any attention, if such a letter was written it can easily be produced, my enemies I believe admit that I have common sense, and I can hardly think any man regards me as such a fool, as to commit to writing such a proposition even if I had made it — As for the Bustamente-Contract it was made by special order, and under the direction of Col Broadwell who was present

In relation to the Mrs Taylor affair, it was my custom to permit small lots of cotton for the purchase of family supplies for soldiers wives & widows to pass without exacting 2½ c — Mr Fulton applied to me as the friend of this Lady represented her in a destitute condition and requested the issuance of a permit to export 25 Bales of Cotton, upon the condition that the proceeds of one fifth of the Cotton should be applied to her support — I granted the permit upon these conditions, and the cash by agreement was to be deposited for her benefit with Mr Croshon, who is now at Brownsville & to whom you are referred for further particulars, at the time this application was made, my acquaintance with Mrs T. was limited, but subsequently became more intimate I was actuated from proper motives in regard to this permit, have nothing to regret, if fraud was intended it was by the party making the application — I will simply state in connection with this transaction that I regard it complimentary to me, the fact of my enemies being forced to resort to such contemptible

measures to censure me in transactions involving millions of dollars—

I have Genl. hastily explained these malicious insinuations and I congratulate myself that they come before me in a shape by which I can hold the party responsible

Very truly yours
(Signed) Charles Russell

Brig Genl. J. E. Slaughter
Major & Dr Q Mr Genl
Brownsville
Texas

A true Copy
Charles Russell
Major & Quartermaster
U. S. A.

San Antonio July 6th 1860

Chas Kusene

1100

Acknowledges letter of 28th June
Refers to his position with
McKinney & Capt Duncan

file

San Antonio Texas Feby 6 1865

My Dear Col—

Yours of 25th inst reached me to day, also your authority to proceed to Matamoros, when I could do so without detriment to the public service, for which please accept my thanks—

I have never for a moment questioned the motive that actuated you to induce me to visit McKinney, and as an evidence of my appreciation I yielded the result I do not regret, as it only tends to ~~corroborate~~ corroborate the opinion I had entertained and expressed of the man— Under no circumstances would I knowingly do him or any other man injustice, and to satisfy myself as well as others that I was correct I made this sacrifice— his subsequent conduct fully establishes this, and I regard him as too contemptible to occupy a moment of my time, and shall never again allude to him except when necessary in the discharge of my official duties—

In regard to Capt Dreyer— I have rec'd letters from several persons at Matamoros (written doubtless at his instance) since the receipt of my letter, a copy of which I enclose to you, disclaiming any intention to injure me, this I shall let rest until I visit Brownsville— I regret exceedingly to be to trouble you with personal matters at a period when I know your whole time is occupied, but it was a duty I owed you, as well as myself— You sustained me under circumstances which will ever place me under obligations to you, this fact with a consciousness of my own integrity renders it necessary for me

to demand an investigation, I assure you in the close of our official transactions, that you shall never have cause to regret the confidence you reposed in me. Errors I have doubtless committed, and perhaps have been inefficient in the discharge of my duties, but of one thing I am convinced, that no human being can establish any act, either private or official that will reflect upon my integrity - My position as an officer has been exceedingly embarrassing, charged with supplying the army, and expected to create a fund with which to make the payments, = in the former I succeeded to my satisfaction, in the latter I failed from causes beyond my control, - My success excited envy & prejudice which resulted in base slander, and impaired to a great extent my usefulness - I have however continued to discharge my duty faithfully & to the best of my ability, feeling assured that I could sustain myself in every transaction and that those who confided in me would not be disappointed, such I fear will be the inevitable result and I do not permit these vile & malicious slanders to annoy me - I write in great haste, & you must excuse - will send you full reports from my office which I hope will be satisfactory - with regards to Capt Stephenson, Capt Hendy & Lady I remain

Yours &c

Chas Russell

Col H A Broadwell

San Antonio 16th Decbr

Maj Chas Russell
870

Enclosing application of Col. Phil Lockett for 500 bales of Cotton to pay for Order Stores
The Contractor consents to receive pay in Cur-

Quarter Masters Office
San Antonio Dec 10 1864

Col

I have the honor to enclose herewith, at the request of Col Stockton Comdg Arsenal, a copy of indorsement made by Genl E K Smith ordering the Chf of the Tex Cot Office to transfer to Col S 500 Bales of Cotton — Col Stockton informs me that upon the faith of this order, he purchased and rec'd from Mr Urbahan Ord Stores Amtg to $20,382,88, payable in Cotton at current Market rates, that the stores were delivered some 6 or 8 months since, at reasonable prices, and that he has never rec'd a bale of cotton, he also states that for the purpose of closing the transaction Mr U has consented to receive the Amt in Coin in place of cotton, and requests that some arrangement be made by you authorising its payment —

I have the honor to remain
Very Respectfully Your Obt Svt
Charles Russell
Maj & A Q M C S A

Col W A Broadwell
Chf Cotton Bureau
Shreveport
La

Copy of Letter from
Ordnance Office
March 5th 1804

To Colonel
Commdg. Ohio Arsenal
Cincinnati

Copies for 500 Rifles of Colts rel.

Colonel Ohio Arsenal
Pittsburgh March 4. 1804

The Chief of the Ohio Colliers
Office will turn over to Col Stanton
and take his receipt for 500 Sabres of
Colliers Iron Guards should be turned
over without delay the other 500 within
the next three months. The active
working of the shops at the Cincinnati
Arsenal is absolutely necessary.

(Signed) O. Wolcott Smith
Lt Ord Corps.

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a true Copy
Charles Dupuy
Maj & Insp Ord Dept

1699

San Antonio

August 25/64

Maj Chas. Pancoast

To

Capt. A. A. Burgess

"Copy"

Agency Texas Cotton Office
San Antonio August 25th 1864

Captain

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 20th with Enclosures in placing the transportation within your Department at your disposal. I shall endeavor to act with your Excellency's views and to do with the Entire Confidence and determination to place Cotton the subject above referred to with full discretion and you may rest assured that I shall not sanction or permit any interference other than my power to prevent it. Col Broadnax explains my views of instructions and Expresses his Entire Confidence in your ability & do not think it necessary at present to establish other depots, as the Brazos & my Contracts are based upon your directions & I have only to add, that I shall place at each of these points at least 1000 Bales per month which is absolutely necessary to meet my Engagements in regard to your Means of Transportation Wagon Trains is entrusted not to interfere but to acquire all Intelligence within your Instructions to report to you or your agents in regard to freights Will take your Trains as far as possible in Summary Col Broadnax has written you upon this subject and placed at your disposal half million dollars for the pur

"Copy"

- Chaos of Cattaro which I will convey to you in a short time with this Despatch and the packets the Army will afford me of this Country Trade. Your explanations when received shall be punctually attended to - Expect your Orders to steer for you or Limasol

- Captain of Albion

Army Despatches
Genl. Oakes
Charles Stuart
Hyde Parker

Sixth

"A true Copy"
W. Bisset
Capt. 2d Regt

Jeffersbun 702 4th Nov 1864

Maj Chas. Russell

702 "

Receiving of Cotton
delivered by Capt Birge
at San Antonio. 580
" Waco 1278
in transit to Waco. 514
2372
Stolen 91
2281

Transportation, & inspection
of Work Shops.

Jefferson Texas April 27th 1864

Dear Col

I reached here last night all well, met Capt Pope and your friend Major Reid, with whom I am much pleased, he urged me to remain several days, which I declined on account of my anxiety to reach home — Mo & Rock fit him exactly —

Capt Pope has furnished me with the following statement

Number of Bales delivered at San Antonio 584

" " " " " " Waco — 278

Total — " 858

Number in transit to Waco 574.

2372

Deduct No of Bales stolen at Dallas 80

" " " " " on Road 6 — 91

actual not delivered & en route — 2281

This gives me 1701 Bales from this district to apply to the Indian Contract — He has purchased among his agents about 700 Bales, about 200 of which have been received, he states that Capt Pike authorized him to cancel all existing Contracts, when the Cotton had not been found for, if the parties desired it — Will you please instruct Capt Pope not only in regard to this, but future purchases, — Capt P has now under his control 6 Wagons & teams belonging to the Govt, and 36 hired from private parties, all even with the exception of 6 or 7 We cannot with certainty rely upon transportation by ox teams during the Winter months, the severe cold weather, and scarcity of forage will necessarily cause many of them to die, and render

Lower, I therefor think it advisable to extend to Capt Perry the same facilities of procuring transportation that Capt Pinto now has, the approval of Captain Barrets plan, and thinks he can furnish at least two additional teams, within his district if the same privileges are granted him. -

Capt Perry requests me to ask your influence in having the teams recently transferred returned to him and to prevent a similar diversion.

I have visited the work Shops and Store House under Capt Perrys control, and am gratified to say that I find every thing conducted properly, and beneficially to the Govmt, he is an active energetic Officer. -

I write in great haste being anxious to get to Marshall this evening - My Kindest regards to Capt Stevenson, Capt & Mrs Shields & others - and write me from Henderson

Very truly Yours
C. Smith Bufkin
Capt & A.Q.M.

Col [illegible]
Memphis

The letters accompanied the Soldiers right are on my desk, please see that they are mailed

(Copy) 1701

Fort Brown Texas
Sept 7th 48

Chas Russell
Major & 2 Dr.

Informing Maj. Bloomfield, Chf
2 Dr. of a contract
entered into by
him for the expulsion
of Cotton & impres-
sion of Animals,
Stores &c

"Copy"

Office Chief Q. M. Eastern
1st Division of Texas
Fort Brown Sept 7th 1863

Major

I have the honor to inform you that I have to-day consumated a contract subject to the approval of the Commanding Genl for the transportation and exportation of all Cotton Stored at Alleyton, San-Antonio & Goliads belonging to the Government, and intended for shipment to Mexico, except that under the Control of Maj. D. Hart—

— The terms are briefly as follows—
The parties are to take the intire charge of the whole matter, procure the means of transportation, advance the cost & charges attending the same—and deposit the Cotton at a Market in Mexico where it will be secure from the enemy, and disposed of as I may deem most expedient for the interest of the Government, for this service I am to pay 5% Commission for advancing and 5% for the sale of the Cotton, worth one per cent per month interest on the advance until they are reimbursed from the sale of the Cotton,

Secondly — Immediately upon the delivery of this Cotton by my agent at San Antonio to the agent of the parties with whom I have contracted, I am to receive an advance in Specie or Sterling Exchange of four cents per pound, payable to my order on sight Drfts at Matamoras, and an additional 4 ₵ per pound on the same Cotton when it reaches the Rio Grande — making an advance of 8 ₵ per pounds in Specie—

For every pound of cotton delivered as above at Alleyton or Goliads 3 ℔ per ℔ advance is to be made and upon its arrival at the Rio Grande an additional 3 ℔ on the same.

I am not fully advised as to the quantity of Cotton in the interior, but if any thing like Represented, a funds in Specie or Sterling exchange can be raised within 60 days equal to the wants of the Govt for the purchase of Ordnance, Stores &c and the liquidation of existing indebtedness. You will see that the inducement advanced which could be realized immediately if the Cotton is at the points ~~desig~~ mentioned ~~noted~~ can be realized in 15 or 20 days at farthest, and as a matter of course would be in accordance corresponding with the quantity of Cotton delivered.

For instance we will suppose we have at San Antonio 3000 Bales which would authorize an immediate advance of $60.000.00
at Alleyton & Goliads - 2000 - Bales the advance being only 3 ℔ in the interior would authorize — $30.000.00

$90.000.00

Before the Cotton leaves the depot which arrival at Eagle Pass from San Antonio say 30 days should receive

$60.000.00

On its arrival at Brownsville from Alleyton & Goliads say 40 days —

$50.000.00

200 000.00

this showing that in 90 days at farthest (provided the Cotton is in the interior) I can without the expenditure of one dollar, accumulate a funds sufficient for our immediate wants, and if the quantity of Cotton is as represented 20.000 Bales, We have an

actual capital independent of Major Hart, and available at once of $800.000.00 — which with what I have, will so far as I am advised, pay every debt except those contracted by Major Hart, which I understand he prefers paying himself and leave me $500.000.00 — for the purchase of Ordnance, which is really all we actually needs, for 12 Months, my supply of Dr Mt Stores & equipage being large, & which, and in my opinion a more important object to be attained by this Contract is that it removes at once, and if judiciously managed hereafter, forever, the necessities for impressment, which as you are aware has caused a much dissatisfaction, and the results not yet fully developed — I deem it unnecessary to say more than to call your attention hastily to these facts, and feeling as I do satisfied that its consummation will be production of great goods, and to quiet the public minds, as well as restore confidence in our officials, I have requested Genl Bee to permit me to visit Houston for the purpose of calling the attention of the Gov^dy Genl personally to its importance, and he has consented. I shall therefore leave tomorrow morning treacly or as rapidly as possible — the Express is detained for this

I have the honor to remain
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
"Signed" Charles Russell
Maj Gen Bloomfield " Major & Chf 2d Mr
Chf 2d Mr &c &c " " Pr Dir of Texas
Houston " "

Please advise Genl meyer under

Montreal 17th
7th May 1864

Maj Chas Russell

2201.

Referring to the first
Chas of the Cargoes of the
"Sea Queen" & the
"Gladiator"

Monterey Mexico May 7th 1864

Colonel!

I have the honor herewith to enclose Invoice of Article purchased by me from Messrs Atwell and Lacoste, and delivered, also Invoice of those remaining in Mexico, to be delivered provided the purchase is approved by the proper authorities - I understand the Commissioners who were sent to this City by the Lt Genl Comdg for the purpose of adjusting the difficulties existing between the Government Messrs Atkins &c., have reported adversely to this purchase and that one of the number Mr Thos J. McKinney regarded it so outrageous as to justify my dismissal from office - I am therefore induced not only as an act of justice to myself, but to Messrs Atwell & Lacoste to place you in possession of all the facts connected with the transaction, to a careful consideration of which your attention is respectfully requested.

In the month of May 1863 the following Steamships arrived at the Mouth of the Rio Grande with goods purchased for the Confederate States, viz:

1st The Steamer "Sea Queen" loaded by Bellot des Minieres Bro & Co. under Contract made with the Hon Geo W Randolph Sec. of War, assorted Cargo consisting of Blankets, Shoes, Cloth etc: for which the Sec. of War contracted to pay an advance of 100 % on Cost, and all charges from place of purchase to place of delivery.

2d The Steamer "Gladiator," with goods sent out by Nelson Clements under his Contract with Major Simeon Hart 2d Mr. at an advance of 100 % on Cost and Charges, as appears by Copy of Contract herewith enclosed.

3d The Steamship "Sir W. Peel," loaded by Atwell & Lacoste

purchased according to Memoranda furnished by Majors J. F. Hunter, L. A. Washington and S. Mackie.

Mr D. S. Bixler represented the cargo of the "Sea Queen", Mr A. S. Rathbun that of the "Gladiator" and Mr Attrell, his own. - Although on duty at Fort Brown as Chief Quarter Master, Western Subdistrict of Texas, when these Vessels arrived I declined receiving the goods, having no Cotton with which to make the payments. I therefore referred the parties to Major S. Hart principal purchasing Officer - The above mentioned Gentlemen left for the interior of Texas to consult with Major Hart, during which period these Vessels were lying at the Mouth of the River, at heavy expense, all of which had to be paid by the Government, in addition to which, this delay was seriously impairing our Credit both at home, and abroad - It being evident that under Major Harts policy there was no prospect of receiving Cotton to meet this indebtedness, and for the purpose of making an effort to sustain our credit by a compliance with these Contracts, I wrote Major Genl Magruder, calling his attention to the true condition of affairs on the Rio Grande, the entire failure of Major Hart to furnish Cotton to meet our obligations, and urged upon him the necessity of adopting some measure, for the procurement of Cotton or Specie to meet our foreign and local indebtedness

Before receiving a reply to this communication, I was ordered to accompany Brig Genl A.P. Bee to Louisiana, and while en route receives orders from Genl Magruder to return to Brownsville, receive the cargoes of these Vessels, and ship Cotton to make the payments. These orders were handed me by Mr Attrell at Kenly's Rancho, and the cargo of his Vessel the "Sir Wm Peel" was specially mentioned - I

returned to Brownsville and finding it impracticable to im-
=press Cotton on the border, I adopted the system of exacting
a loan of 20% on all Cotton exports, excepting such as
were exempt by special orders from Department or District
Head Quarters, and notified the Contractors that I was
prepared to receive their goods — A correspondence en-
sued between the Contractors and myself on account of
a difference of opinion in the interpretation of the
Contract, which resulted in the rejection of the Cargo
of the 'Sea Queen' except goods to the value of $56004.22,
and of the Gladiator $49972.52 — I will not trouble you with
copies of this correspondence, - suffice it to say, that the articles
were not adapted to Army purposes; and were pronounced
by Boards of Survey, unfit for issue. — Thus being no
Contract with Atwell & Lacock, and being positively ordered
by Major Genl Magruder and subsequently by Lt Genl Smith
to impress Cotton to pay for their goods, - I considered
myself not only authorized, but instructed to purchase.
which I did at an advance of 70% on European cost
reimbursing them for all reasonable and proper charges.
I regarded this purchase at the time a very fortunate
and favorable transaction, and congratulated myself upon
having consummated it on terms so much more advantageous
than the Secretary of War in the purchase from Pellatt & Co Minories
Brett & Co and Major Simeon Hart principal purchasing Officer
from Stebon & Clements — You will also see by examining
the Invoices enclosed that Twine is not an article, but
what is necessary and useful for Army purposes. —
These are briefly the facts and circumstances connected
with a transaction which Mr McKinney publicly

State is so outrageous as to justify my dismissal from office. — I understand the reasons assigned by Mr Kinney for opposing this purchase, are first: That Attell & Lacoste purchased their goods under a Contract with Major J. F. Minter, payable in Confederate Money, second; that I annulled said Contract by proposing to receive them payable in Cotton, third; that the advance of 75 % was exorbitant and outrageous — In reply I will state I am not aware of the existence of a Contract made by Major Minter for these goods, and from all the information I have been able to obtain, I think I can safely say, that no such Contract exists — I called on Mr Lacoste for information and he furnished me with a certified copy of a bond, executed by them to Major Minter for $100.000.00 dated November 29th 1862, Capt Dunagit has a copy of this instrument, to which your attention is respectfully requested, — you will see it is an obligation upon the part of Attell & Lacoste, without a consideration, and even if binding, provides that "the prices of the articles shall be fixed upon their delivery", without specifying the currency in which the payment is to be made, — I knew nothing of the existence of this document until a few days since, but had it have been submitted to me when I made the purchase, it would not have caused me a moments hesitation, having received Gen. Magruder's order to impress Cotton to state the payment; if therefore a Contract was made with Major Minter I have never been informed of the fact, and the charge that it was annulled by me is false and unfounded — I have already explained the reasons that induced me to pay an advance

— of —

70 & on European cost and will only say in addition that I am satisfied the goods could not have been purchased at double that price, if the parties could have anticipated the trouble and delay in the collection of their claim.

It is well known in Texas that Mr McKinney is the confidential agent of Major Hart, and that it was at his suggestion he was appointed one of the Commissioners to adjust the difficulties with Mess Milam & Co, it is also generally understood in Western Texas that Mr McKinney and Major Hart are jointly interested in the purchase and exportation of a large quantity of Cotton mentioned in the Report. I have heard this from many sources, but to prevent my being charged with malice in making the statement, I will name two Gentlemen connected with the army, to whom you are respectfully referred, viz: Major J. B. Lee, Agt of the Cotton Bureau at Eagle Pass, and Capt Merritt A. Q. M. Fords Regt: who was formerly on duty in Major Hart's Office - With a knowledge of those relations existing between Major Hart and Mr McKinney and the known efforts of the former to involve me as an accomplice in the Seizure made by Milam & Co, it is but reasonable to suppose that Mr McKinney visited Monterey bitterly prejudiced against me, and determined so far as possible to sustain his employer and partner in his efforts to injure me. - I have never had the pleasure of reading the report of the Commissioners, I am however told it fully acquits me of any connection with Milam & Co but censures me in the Atwell & Lacoste purchase, so far as I am individually concerned I am prepared to meet any charge that may be made against me, the report therefore, to me, is a matter of indifference, but in this case it involves the interests of other parties

who are in anyway connected with the difficulties existing between Major Hart and myself, and to prevent them from sustaining a loss on my account it is my duty to state facts in plain and unmistakeable language; M.H. Kinney in connection with Major Hart and his accomplices were disappointed in their failure to remove me from office, upon their foul representations of my connection with the Miles affair, and doubtless felt chagrined to learn that an investigation resulted not only in my acquittal but proves conclusively that the whole difficulty was attributable to Major Hart's failure to meet a solemn obligation made to Mr. Miles a few weeks previous, it was however necessary that I should be removed from duty at Eagle Pass to prevent my interfering with their Cotton transactions and after diligent enquiry Mr. M. Kinney finds me guilty of two official transactions which he regards sufficiently outrageous to accomplish his object. viz

1st In connection with procuring Sam Emmons deposites with me for safe keeping at the evacuation of Fort Brown, which I have explained to the Cotton Bureau and which is too ridiculous and absurd to merit further attention

2nd The purchase from Attwill & Lacoste - I have already explained the latter, and will only add the cost of one article (Shoes) by my purchase, and the cost by Major Hart's Contract

English Army rivettes from Attwill & Lacoste including freightage per pair $ 3 92

" " " " Nelson Clement Major Hart's Contract per pair $ 6 42

and you will find by examination that other articles are in like proportion — While I do not pretend to justify my official acts by comparison with others, I would respectfully ask, if this transaction of mine is so outrageous, and I should be dismissed from office, what punishment should be inflicted on the Secretary of War and Major Hart — I deeply regret Colonel the necessity of speaking of other officers in connection with my transactions, but the charge or I may say insinuation by M. H. Stimmes is so evidently malicious that I could not avoid it, what I have stated in regard to Major Hart and himself are facts for which I am responsible and as this is an official letter, you will find another reason why Major Hart opposes this claim,

I am responsible and as this is an official letter, you will please at your disposal. I would also respectfully refer you to Capt Ducayet's letter to Capt Ducayet,

Again I respectfully call your attention to this invoice, it consists of articles absolutely necessary and which cannot be purchased elsewhere, some of them are high, it is true, but they are of superior quality.

I enclose a copy of a letter from Major S. J. Lee in regard to them, and my reply. — Referring you to Capt Ducayet for further information, and earnestly requesting a decision at the earliest practicable moment.

I have the honor to remain Colonel
With great respect Your Obt Svt
Charles Pujol
Major & Quarter Master
C. S. A.

To
Col H. A. Broadwell
Chief Cotton Bureau
Shreveport
La.

May 9th 64. P.S.

I find it impossible to return the invoice of goods to be delivered from L. S. d. to dolls - etc. in time for Capt Ducayet to take with him, but will forward it to you by the next safe opportunity

Respectfully &c
Charles Russell
Major & Quartermaster
U. S. A.

Allen Bill
7th ca
May 6.
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Brig Henry
Clay, 7 d
Sea Blue
Flaccid

11th Feby 1783.

B. Sage

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Ins. Reference to Export of Cotton

Capt H. Clap

Bilbao

Europe

B. Sage

Alexandria Feb 10th 1864

Capt H C Black
Shreveport La

My dear Sir

I have patiently awaited a reply from you concerning my application to the Cotton Bureau for permission to carry cotton and exemption for Team, &c but as you be so kind as to give it attention and reply at once for the detention is quite detrimental to me. about events planned and book the Terms mainly I enclosed to you -

Please allow me to make a suggestion to Col Broadwell which I think his good sense and business tact will appreciate - that perhaps it has been made before or has occurred to him. If he will, by some agent who acts privately and entirely conceal his connection with the Confederate Govt, send cotton across the Atchafalaya into Point Coupee or anywhere down in country so that the Yankees can get it high prices in Sterling exchange can be obtained for it and then large amounts of funds can be placed in Europe for the Confederate Govt. It is easy to find persons who are or have been dealing in cotton who can be made use of as a Steamers or agents. Circumspection and caution must be observed. All other trade with the enemy except this and that to obtain military supplies (all under military authority and supervision) shall be rigidly prohibited and forbidden

Respectfully

B. Butler

Alexandria 25 Dec 63

Capt W. L. Black
Cotton Bureau
Shreveport Louisiana

My dear Sir

I desire permission to export 500 to 1000 bales of cotton either through the blockade or through Mexico also exemption from impressment for my teams ingoing to and fro; under the following circumstances — a part of the cotton already belonging to me is unfortunately destroyed by Govt

During naval service my vessel during this war I having been mentally educated at the very commencement I tendered myself and fortune to the Govt to fit out a vessel to cruise against the Enemy's commerce and proposed the general plan now called the Wilmot Navy. If the Govt had responded at that time I should have gone at once having the means to do so and could by this time have destroyed from 10 to 15 millions $ of the enemy's commerce but the Govt did not adopt the plan till the last session of Congress. It is now repealed that I shall do as proposed (a Commander's Commission having been proffered) and I am trying in good faith to do so but the difficulties have infinitely increased. My expenses since the war began have so overgone my receipts that my ready money is little. My plantations are situated within the Enemy's lines, so that I cannot dispose of them and if I could the price would be small and in confederate money. Again there is the enormous cost of gold and Sterling exchange to take

abroad to procure and fit out a vessel — nor being in the Confederacy. Again it is difficult if not impossible to get any loans or subscriptions for such an enterprise, our capitalists not being sufficiently patriotic and the people generally deeming it fraught with danger and under present circumstances profitless.

For these reasons I think the local authorities ought to aid me with this permission especially as by so doing they do all in the Government and the Cause; and as virtually cotton is our only practicable exchange

But I have (destroyed) on account if possible. Last year the military authorities of the Government destroyed 250 bales of my cotton that I could not would have sold to this very purpose and even just now there is a probability of 75 to 100 bales being destroyed on my other place under a recent general order

All this time I have been spending money and making sacrifices for the Government without having made or attempted to make a dollar by speculation or otherwise and all my energies and abilities have been strenuously ardently and constantly devoted to the cause and I feel sanguine of doing the country much good if I get this aid. I shall do what I can with or without the permission but with I shall have my hands greatly strengthened

I enclose various testimonials that you may see that the character that I have established during a residence here from boyhood up affords a fair good guaranty that I will act up to my obligations. Moreover I am willing to forfeit all my profits from the cotton and from my estate if the terms of this letter be not strictly fulfilled. Those or some other testimonials I have at this place will be sent by memorial Yours truly W. B. Stamps

Mary Stinde's
Affidavit
as to
these papers
bought of her.

District of Columbia
Washington City

Mary Stinde of Shreveport La
being duly sworn states that the books and
papers purporting to be the books of papers
of the late Quartermasters Department of
the Rebel Army known as the
Bonds and papers now produced
before the Honorable Commissioners of
Claims are the identical books &
papers that came to her possession on
the abandonment of Shreveport
by the Rebel forces and that no
book or paper has been withdrawn
therefrom since they were examined
by Albert P Tarker at New Orleans
in July 1883

Mary Stinde

Subscribed and Sworn to before me
by Mary Stinde this 10th day of
July 1874

James E. Waugh
Notary Public.

O. P. S. Fee being duone states that the persons stock named within ~~he~~ were in his possession for the past sixty days and as far as he knows believes no stock or property has been withdrawn therefrom.

O. P. S. Fee

Subscribed & sworn to before me by O. P. S. Fee this 10th day of Feby 1874

James E. Waugh
Notary Public

1704

Alexandria 10th Feby 1864

B. J. Sage

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Propositions to export Cotton by way of Bayou Rouge — Terre à bleau — & Point Coupée

Asks permission to export — on Consignation proposes to leave the Govt a certificate of Sterling

Diagram &c



Alexandria Feb 6th/864

Col Wm A Broadwell
Shreveport La

Dear Sir The Country's need & means, and my desire to aid her, prompt me to write this communication. There has been for the last two or three months, an illicit trade in cotton carried on through the Parish of Pointe Coupée demoralizing our people and damaging our cause, while many benefitting speculators, and not the country; And I have reflected much, and made some inquiries upon the mode of enabling the Government to take advantage of it, with a view of procuring gold or what is tantamount Sterling exchange, with which to obtain Gds military and other supplies; and my conclusion is that a large amount of funds can be secured in Europe in this way with facility, and with little or no risk, simply by selling the cotton for exchange to foreign parties who stand ready to buy it and pay the exchange while it is yet in transitu and before it is beyond our lines and military control — always provided they have the assurance of our authorities that it shall be protected against Confederate seizures or destruction they being able themselves to protect it against the Federals. Indeed it is quite practicable to send considerable quantities of our cotton through N.O. to Europe — we drawing against it — if proper secrecy and precautions are observed; and some of these parties have actually sent the cotton they purchased in Pointe Coupee. But of course we can have no guarantee except the honor of the buyers that it will not go to the Yankees for it becomes a subject of speculation upon leaving first hands.

The interest of the Government in the matter must be a profound secret, and the confidential agent must act in the premises like any private party, and do such business as are now active.

2 The cotton will leave a point on Bayou Boeuf, and go down it and the Lockaloam in barges or flat boats, to a point on Bayou Rouge In either case it will be carried towards Pointe Coupee ft Baton Rouge or Iberville. And it must be well to carry it cautiously, as if on evasion of the existing authorities, Sea maps

3 While still in hampton, the bay must be re-, and the Cotton delivered with its protection from our military authorities, to certain Go- believers, who, while sympathizing with us and our cause, have purchased certificates of Admin Taken the oath, &c who have in some degree the Confidence of the Yankee authorities or have connection with those who go with the Yankee Invasion who have taken the oath or forswearers. What there are such, who can be relied on, I know, and I propose to make use of them: and, indeed, they need not know of the Government interest.

4 Begin at once before rise of water, and carry it on again after the water goes down.

I believe in this way at least £1000000 sterling can be placed in England for the Government within one year and I think that all such trade should be prevented except for the Government & military and other necessaries &c & the profits are mine. The trade is now going on benefitting none but private persons Gen Taylor cannot or would not prevent it, Why not control it to the benefit of the Cause

2nd Since stating the plan, and mailing the Letter I shou[ld] I have thought that I might go ahead and blaze the way, demonstrating the practicability of the plan, as well as ascertaining the modes and getting the men to act through this at my own risk, if I can get the permission. If I could do so, it would pay me best to incur the delay, for I have over 200 bales of middling cotton, on navigation, which I have devoted to the service of the Country, but which I cannot make available except as above.

I have in England about $1000 to $1200 or £ above £100 more promised there; about £600 to £800 here; and about $1000 or £ more, to convert our bonds or some me[an]s of exchange — say about £3000 to £3500 while I want £30.0 or £6000 Never it seems hard that I should have the means in cotton, and not be able to make it available.

Now if the above be done by me, I shall render the Gov[t] a very valuable service by shewing the mode at my own risk My facilities are the best as I know all the accessible channels modes and men. I am [illegible] anxious to depart, and I can perhaps get along, after a sort, with what funds I have. Yet with this double purpose of serving the Gov[t] and carrying out my own plan & advice, I would fain remain while I am willing to do this [illegible] not only the 200 bales, but 300 more which are tendered to me for the service of the Country — I

will pass over here to you—as a loan to the Govt one half the Exchange my Cotton bring & sell at a fair Valuation and endorse it to the order of C. J. McRae financial agent of the Govt to England

Please reply to this as early as may be for I am desirous of more [illegible] than I do [illegible]

If Gen. Smith wants to know my character the Testimonials you have seen will enable you to assure him I can also refer to Col Sale and other Leading citizens of Shreveport many of whom know me well

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

No 1 1705
Jno H Saunders
4393 lbs

Major J. F. Robinson acting Asst Cotton Bureau
To Jas H Saunders Dr

1864

July 14 For 19 Bales 2922 lbs Cotton @ 10 ✓ 292.20
22 Bales 2200 lbs Cotton @ 20 ✓ 440.00
60 Jute Sacks @ 10 ✓ 36.10
$1098.30

4393 lbs

Received Christ'n Co Ark March 10th 1864
of Major J. F. Robinson Four thousand three
hundred & Ninety three pounds of Cotton
in full of the above Account

John H. Saunders

1706

Lt. Col. Alexd. Spotswood
Chief of Colo. Nicholson

Alexander 2d Lieut
R. Hill Saunders Major

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Acquainting that the Count
be unto Alexander to
take charge of Cotton
being plundered left by the
Enemy.

Head Qrs 1st Cavalry Div La
Alexandria La 20 June 1864

Lt Col Wm A Broadwell
Ass't Adj't Genl, Shreveport La.

Col

I owned

be pleased to have you send an agent of your department to this place to take charge of the Cotton, Baggage left here by the enemy. It is unnecessary that probable that at any movement will call me to the field again very shortly, and I will not be able to exercise that supervision over the property, as is necessary for its preservation. We will require a good deal of cotton here for the purpose of paying for supplies already obtained by Major Stone, and for other supplies on the way. what quantity can I obtain from you on Requisition?

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Wm Vandever
Brig Genl

1708

Received at Rio Grande City this 29 day of Dec
1864 from Maj W. R. Brayton Asst Qr Mr Burrell
on four Ox wagons in good order and well conditioned, the packages
and articles specified below which I agree to deliver in like good order and Condition and without delay at
~~Matamoros~~ to Capt. C. J. Lynch Q M
& Asst Q Mr or his assigns, he or they paying freight thereon at the ~~usual~~
established government rate -
& Distance 130 miles

(Signed in quadruplicate.)

Marks & Nos.	Packages and Articles.	Pounds.
B	(30) Thirty Bales Cotton S B Sawyer	
	1 -	

Washington Feby 8th 1865

1709

W. Schaumburg

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Regarding Co Ch St Louis

Journals of Transmitted

File

Hon Wm Pitt Fessenden

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith a letter of this date from Brig Gen Schaumburg

Washington
Feb. 8th 1844

My dear Colonel.

Col. Chas.
Scott formerly of Com Bu
Patties of Little Rock Ar
now at Shawneetown Illinois
Indiana & Kentucky
I learn with deep regret
to be numbered in the list of the
Missing in which I know
his intimacy with Stiles
Davidson Pitts & other Prom
officers & I am also deeply
pained by seeing with the
Mounted Gunmen by Jon Hancock
he made a brief Washington
& Jan Journal a Special

Jourdan for his sins against
the U. S. Govt. turns to Mrs.
Lincoln & installs in our
his rights of Citizenship. The
Court Martial Jourdan has
pronounced in the Capture as
a Curse to the people. She is
fraught & very dangerous Can
be made useful to us if we
but bid the Yankees buz.
Send her his book for
ten per cent advance. Don't
tread him. She must do.

Yours Friend
Bright. Chamberlain

Houston. 18th Nov. 1864

1710

E. B. & W. Schneider

709

In regard to Cotton
Purs. at Houston

Respectfully forwarded -
Capt Schneider has repacked
the whole of the Moore &
Smoker Cotton at Orange -
& I take pleasure in intro-
ducing him as a worthy
gentleman - I have
informed him that it was
very improbable that the
Press could be either hired
or purchased - He desires
to know certainly on this
point -

C. G. Wells
Capt 1st C.

Houston November 18th 1864.

Capt'n. Black
Shreveport.
La.

Capt'n.

I take the liberty of addressing a few lines to you in regard to the Cotton Press. brought to Orange by Messrs. Moore & Smoker. I have taken all the Government Cotton at Orange under their charge. My intention is to put up a Press at this place, and would therefore respectfully request you to inform me, whether or not the Press used by Messrs. Moore & Smoker can be purchased or rented. Any information facilitating me to get possession of said Press. will be duly appreciated. Awaiting your reply by return mail.

I am very Respectfully
Your obed't. Serv't
C. B. H. Schneider

Address me
in care of Capt'n Wells
Cotton Bureau
Houston.

Statement of work done for the govt
by E. B. N. Schneider.

3. months & 23 days baling cotton	$ 83.00	$ 312.63
Extra work morning & night (half wheln)		74.00
For working on 2. Sundays		20.00
For weighing (H) 200 Bl for Schr. Russell	@8¢	16.00
For marking the same	@5¢	10.00
For classing the same		25 00
		$ 457.63.

Employed since July 22. 1864.

Richmond Va. 10th Oct 1865

James A Seddon
Secty of War

In regard to the establishment of the Cotton Bureau & the Cotton interests of the Transmiss. Dept

Confederate States of America
War Department
Richmond Va Oct 10 1863

Gen E K Smith
Commdg &c
General

Your to some extent I presume you have
proceeded to Establish, and in view of the
importance of the trade in Cotton and the
necessity of regulating it, upon leave gone to the
Extent of Establishing what upon styled a
Cotton Bureau for the preservation and
Control of the supplies of that important
staple, so necessary to furnish Exchange
and importations. The wisdom of these
steps is not doubted, but it is desirable
that as far as practicable, these measures
should be accomplished in conformity
to existing laws and through existing
recognized Officers. Now the main offices
of our different Bureaux may be execu-
ted effectively by assigning or placing at
the head of each an existing Military Officer
or agent already appointed for your Department
by me of the Bureaux here. A Chief Commis-
sary may discharge the duties with the aid
of appropriate subordinates of the Bureau
of Subsistence. A leading Quartermaster -
a Competent adjutant - a Chief of Ordnance

the Agent appointed by the Mine and Mining Bureau for your Dept. They Each with appropriate existing Offices discharge the duties of the Corresponding Bureaux here. In like manner the Aims of your Action Bureaux, with change of name which would probably be Sanctions, might also be practically as well attained by designating to it some of Master or Director Agents selected by you with such appointments as may each. Their officers will hold naturally positions of proper subordination to you, but yet thus you may as auxiliary branches, report in occasions may allow to the Department here, by which their reports can be referred to their respective Bureaux and harmony of action secured.

With Esteem
Very truly yours
(Signed) James A. Seddon
Sec'y of War

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Richmond 29th Dec 1862

Jas. A Seddon
Secty of War.

Refering to the impressm.t
of subsistence stores &
enclosing authority &c —
Als. copy of letter from
Col L. B. Northrop C.S.

War Department
Richmond Dec. 29th 1862

Col L. B. Northrop
Com. Gen. C. S. A.
Sir

You are hereby authorized to impress subsistence stores, labor and transportation (except that belonging to Rail Road companies and Government contractors) when you shall think it necessary to the Public service.

This power may be conferred by you upon your purchasing officers and agents, which officers may in ~~their~~ turn confer similar powers upon such subordinates as you shall approve.

All subsistence stores, labor and transportation impressed will be paid for at reasonable prices not exceeding in any case rates ordered from time to time by the Secy. of War and communicated to you, until otherwise ordered these prices will be those fixed by the enclosed schedule, and officers and agents must be specially instructed to give to the owners thereof receipts stating distinctly the description, quality, quantity and price of the subsistence stores, or the kind, rate of hire and time employed of the labor and transportation impressed and designating the officer by whom payment for the same will be made, who in case he has no funds on hand shall give a certificate which will enable the party to obtain payment from the nearest disbursing officer of your Bureau

It shall further be the duty of the officer or agent impressing as aforesaid, to leave to each person whose property is impressed a sufficiency of supplies for the use of his family

and plantation, and in impressing to take in preference Subsistence Stores owned by speculators.

The officer or agent impressing shall in all cases exhibit his written authority to impress to the party or parties interested, or to his or their agent. and no impressment shall be made (unless hereafter ordered by the Secy of War or under pressing necessity specially ordered by Generals commanding Armies in the Field) except by officers and agents authorized as above and by them only in conformity to orders and any one acting without or beyond authority in the above case be held strictly responsible.

It is not intended that the prices of the enclosed schedule shall be paid in all cases. when the prices of one or more of these articles in any locality, shall rule as high or higher than those fixed in the schedule, then the prices are to be paid as a maximum, for each standard article in its class, prices of inferior grades to rule downwards proportionally. But in all cases where prices are lower than those fixed in the accompanying schedule, then purchases must be made at current rates.

All officers and agents acting under this order shall be furnished with a copy of it and shall be instructed to conform strictly to its limitations.

You will see that a minute and accurate report of all impressments made by the officers and agents of your Bureau be made to your office and a record thereof be kept

Signed James A. Seddon
Secy of War

Subsistence Department
Richmond

Sir



the authority conferred upon me by
hereby empowered to impress
es, labor and transportation when-
? necessities of the service require it
w strictly to the limitations and
requirements of the letter from the Secy of War to me, a true copy
of which, together with a Schedules of prices therein referred to, is annexed
hereto for your information— It is greatly to be desired that
in all impressments which it may be necessary to resort to you
should act with the "greatest lenity and forbearance consistent
with the end" and with the utmost discretion and prudence.

If such impressments should be resisted, I will obtain
from the Secy of War an order on the nearest commanding
officer of a Post for a force sufficient to repress resistance,
this I hope however will not be necessary in any case— You will
make monthly an accurate and minute report of all im-
pressments made by you setting forth the description, quality
quantity and price of subsistence Stores, and the kind, rate of
hire and time employed of the labor and transportation, im-
pressed, and the name of the officer designated by you to make
payment together with all the circumstances attending your
action in the premises— If it should be necessary that you
should act in making impressments through your subordi-
nates and agents, you will be extremely careful in your
selection of such persons, and bear in mind that they are
your agents solely in that regard, and that what is done

by them is done by you and you will be held to re-
sponsibility for their acts

To Lt Col W. A. Broadwell
Jackson Miss



Received 2½ P.M. 29th 1862
Dan. H. Sexton
Secy of War

Referring to the inspection
& reduction of the
Confederate Army &
Confirming our telegram re-
cd. this day & sent from
Col. C. S. Memphis C.S.

Houston 10th March 1865

S. S. Slawde 17 1/4

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Solicits to assign - asks assistance in obtaining situation

Maj. J. P. Broadwell
Office Cotton Inspection
Shreveport,
Louisiana

Col. W. A. Broadwell will open
& Maj. B. is not in Shreveport.

Houston, Texas, 10th March, '65

Maj. J.R. Broadwell
Shreveport, La.

Major: I find myself under the necessity of tendering the resignation of my Commission, as Captain of Cavalry, on account of the health of Mrs. Seawell, and my inability to provide for her necessary comforts in her situation. I send in the resignation to Genl. Walker to-morrow. But I do not wish entirely to leave the service; and would be glad to get some position where I could remain with Mrs. Seawell, (or have her with me) and in which I could receive pay enough to maintain her and our daughter.

Labour or exposure are not matters of consideration with me - what I want is food and shelter for my wife & daughter - that is, some position, by means of which I can procure these necessaries for them.

If either yourself or Col. Broadwell can offer me such a position, I will endeavour to discharge its duties faithfully.

I wrote to you in December

1863, that the Govt. Court, near the Mentleam, had all been plundered. & could not be collected without a Military force. After recruiting my Company, I was ordered to scout in that Country after Jayhawkers, until June. I availed myself of the opportunity of collecting Debts among, as far as I could, and subsisted my men on the proceeds - Govt. furnishing nothing for ~~our~~ our provisions. I kept 200 dollars for my own use, and deposited 700 as government money with James Dorley, C.S. Depository, at this place, in June, last. I have Dorley's certificate for the amount

I don't know the exact amount I collected, as I frequently had no means of keeping any account of the matter - frequently receiving Small Sums when on a forced march, and as often ~~having~~ paying the same out for Corn or meal the same day. This was more regular, but was ~~horrid~~ - and by that means I rid the County between Sabine & Mentleam of Jayhawkers & Bushwhackers, besides sending near four hundred men into the army.

I am Very Respt'y
Maj'r, 2nd Mo. M.V.;
S. I. Lemmon

Elysian Fields 1st Feb 1865

E. B. Settle

1265

Regarding Cotton taken
transferring King to

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Elysian Fields 1st Oct 1865

E. B. Settle

1265

Regarding Cotton taken
transferring King to

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Captain Reed Stanley
4th April 1865

Col. Hon. A. Gibson Lawes
Superintendent

Have you the kindness
to forward by Express
Pick Carbo. Percussion Rifling & Primers &c
to Bearing - Lewis M. McKinney Esq. and
Capt. Daniel Emmitt care J. J. Knowles Esq
Lin say J. J. Knowles Esq
Bill
McKinney
Steam Pipe
Bearing &c &c
for the Confederate Navy
and the Cash Shall be forwarded
at Nassau, Per Steamer Cruiser with Cotton
to Agent in Liverpool. And Oblige your
Friend Yours &c
H. C. Hamilton
Capt Reed Stanley

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San Antonio 12 Decbr

J. A. Settle

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In to the Collectorship at San Antonio & Goliad.

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San Antonio Dec 12th 1864

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favour of the 27th Ultimo has been received as well as the letter delivered by Lt Stevenson enclosing fifty thousand dollars Confederate interest bearing notes for the former with the kind declaration to call Saturday for the appointments of your Ripley Voyage to the frontiers of Coahuila & San Antonio allowing to return my sincere & grateful thanks. I have read with interest your correspondence with Gold Smith and his many flattering & complimentary reply, and think really that he merits & more entitled to it than yourself.

I am officially & fully realized your feelings in wishing to be relieved from duty in this muddy and turbid department such as the Mississippi. Does very much

disappointed at not seeing you before
I left Houston, indeed I delayed
my departure in hopes that I would return
through Houston when I heard that you
were in Austin. I left all your articles,
in a bag with Capt Wells. I left
your buggy Harness with Anderson
when your buggy was sent by
Maj. Burke for Stevens. The Horses
was all returned to the Buggy &c
nearly finished when I left.

Gen Leal & Mr Alexander
der yesterday who exhibited to me
his appointment as State Agent
for the purchase of cotton this
brother & Alexander is appoint-
ed agent on the Rio Grande
for the reception & distribution of it.
& Gov Murrah has entered
this field again. These appoint-
ments were signed by Gov
Murrah & Mr D. Pender, & Members
of the Military Board. Will it
not effect the fulfilment of
your engagements.

Your brother
Wesley & Sherman have gone to
your Plantation this, as I am informed

Ripley Buckroom I will do you anyone
about him. the correspondence Otherwise
return it to you.

My Wife joins me in
kindest regards to you

Truly & Sincerely Yours,

L. J. Sullo

P.S. I have forwarded the letter
to Col Guthrie & also written to
James Darby Esqr. have they the
appointing or rather has the former
the appointing power? I understand
that Col O'Bannon, Eagle Pass
has appointed Sam Sanderson
of this place. If I do not get
this, I shall the privilege of going
in the Ranks of the Rifle Corps
a position I would infinitely prefer
to that of playing 2nd fiddle to
such men as Mackin, Pendleton & others
of their stamp. Let me hear from
you as often as you have leisure both
assured you I have no end the Texas
& I would be more willing to serve
you than your friend Sullo

Galveston Dec 3 1865

E. B. Seitz 717

943

Left on the 2nd inst with 3 flat Boats & 1066 Bales cotton —

Requests details for Dav'd Miller Moses S. Sallis and Jno. G. Hammond till March 1. 66 as Pilots — They are away on the Coast and cannot get back within the time limiting by their present passes. — Desires that Genl Torrey should retain the detail to enable the completion of the removal of the cotton

file

Sabine Town Jany 3d 1865

Lt Col W A Broadwell
" Shreveport La

Sir

I write at the request of Mr E B Sette who left here yesterday with three Flat Boats loaded with Cotton. say 1066 Bales.

Mr Sette is anxious to get details for David Miller & Moses S. Salter, until the 1st of March. He will then be enabled to build a Boat. put the Cotton now remaining here in good order, and get it to Beaumont—

I think Mr S— told me that you asked of Genl Green details for these Men until the 1st of March. but the Genl would only consent to give until the 15th Jany—

Each of these Men are now on their way down piloting the Boats ~~down~~. and there is little probability of their being able to get back by the 15th inst

Mr Sette would also like a detail for John G. Hammonds of Rusk Co Texas. Capt Hammonds is an old Sabine River Pilot. and is now on one of the Boats going down.

You would confer a very great favour on Mr Sette if you could induce Genl Green to extend the details of these Men until the 1st of March—

Jno G. Hammond asks to be assigned to the 1st Texas / Infantry / dismounted Cavalry / Capt Preston Co. he does not recollect the Letter of the Co Description Age 42 yrs eyes blue, hair dark, complection dark, height 6 feet occupation Mechanic and Pilot—

David Miller description. Age 42 eyes blue, hair dark, complection fair, height 5 feet 7 inches occupation Mechanic and Pilot Company of election 17th Louisiana

Infantry Company B. Capt Self

Mosel. S. Sattes description Age 41. eyes blue height 5 feet 10 inches hair dark. complection dark occupation Mechanic Company of election C° B 1st Lt. Louisiana Infantry.

Capt Sette is very anxious to get the details extended so as to enable him to get all the Cotton off from this point —

Address E. B. Sette, to my Care at this place.

Yours very respectfully

Geo L. Clapp

Houston 7½ Aug. 1864

J. A. Battle.

Private Letter.

Col. A. Broadwell
San Antonio

...STING OR CUTTER.—IN ONE INCH of

Staunton Aug 22nd 1864

My Dear Col

Capt Wells read me your letter and your requests have been complied with. The Buggy & Harness shall agree my particular attention. Maj Burke has promised to have the Buggy repaired and kept locked up. The Harness. Maj Burke has and. Harness shop hand. He tells he has done nothing as yet. for the last hiding. after he Buggy & Harness will.

I miss you very much have been staying below like you left until Saturday when Capt Col Herbert came down and is now staying with me for a few days. Head Quarters has been moved to Galveston and quiet now reigns in Staunton.

A Scotty named as tich a Sergeant in Galveston Runs the other day Reported Lt. Commanding Gen Walker & Scotty swore

strictures upon Ma Gruder & Staff
I may say a flying visit to Galveston
this week. Remember kindest regards
to your brother & Kelly when you see
him tell him why I did not send
his boy adios

(Your Friend)

S. A. Lisle

Col W. A. Broadwell
San Antonio

Answered 22 Aug. 1862
S A Lisle
Private Letter.

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"NEWS" BUI

HOUSTON, THURSDAY, A

Major Gen. J. G. Walker.

In assuming command of this District, Major Gen. Walker has a herculean task before him; a labor no less, indeed, than that of cleansing the Augean stables. "The General Regulations for the Army" have to be re-established in this army. System, order, uniform discipline, and strict adherence to long tried principles, have to be introduced, in place of whim, caprice, the hasty impulses of momentary passion and the immature suggestions of temporary expediency.

The festering tumors of favoritism must be removed; there must be no power behind the throne stronger than the throne itself. An iron will, earnestness, steadiness of purpose, an eye single to the great interests at stake, a genius for work and not for talk, the simple habits of a soldier; these are the qualities required in the military chief of the great State of Texas, and these are the qualities which distinguish Maj. Gen. Walker. If he displays the same administrative capacity and military genius in this wider field that has characterized his career as a division commander, there need be no fears of the result. The steadiness and masterly grasp of the hand that hold the reins will soon be felt in every department of this army, and a sense of confidence and reliance will pervade all classes. Some, no doubt, will be found to carp at his studious avoidance of all personal pomp, grandeur and melo-dramatic effect, and at the exhibition of a like trait in the members of his staff. But we must overlook this; it is his nature and he cannot help it. He does not conceive it to be indispensable to the character of a General "to make the groundlings stare." It is understood that in this respect he is not unlike Gen. R. E. Lee. Some, again, may criticise an old fashioned notion of his, that all offices are public trusts, bestowed for the public benefit, and not for the private emolument and ease of the incumbent.

But he is obstinate in this notion, and will be apt to reduce it to practice, not only at his own headquarters, but at the various posts throughout the district. It may cause some dissatisfaction when it is found—

"That popping, grinning, and grimace,
With fertile store of commonplace,
And fancy dance, and pride of dress,
Cannot quite insure success,"

at his headquarters. But the country will try to survive it. Another class will probably feel aggrieved that Gen. Walker will attract into his circle and hold free companionship with the representative men of our State; the men who before the war have stood highest and deserved most of their countrymen for private worth and devoted patriotism; and will hold at arm's length the fast men and adventurers who have yet to acquire a local habitation and a name. This, indeed, may detract from his military character, but there are not a few thoughtful persons throughout the State, who will consider our destinies not the less safe in his hands on that account. They hold to the old idea that "in a multitude of counsellors there is safety," especially *if they are of the right sort.*

Notwithstanding the murmurs that may arise in certain quarters at the advent of Gen. Walker, the people in and out of the army are respectfully requested to wait and give him a trial. He has not been sent here at random, but for a distinct and well considered purpose. Let us trust that the far-seeing sagacity which has characterized Gen. E. Kirby Smith's administration so far, will be illustrated in the assignment of Maj. Gen. Walker to the command of the District of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. It is confidently predicted that he will prove to be the right man in the right place.

J. H.

TERMS OF CITIES.—In any issue of

Houston 30th May 1845

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James. Early—

Refering to the action
of the Texas Legislature
with respect to the Cotton
office - The financial
condition of the Dept.

Houston May 20th 1864

Dear Colonel

I have been promising myself for some time the pleasure of writing to you, but the duties of my office have been so pressing of late, beside what leisure I have been able to devote to the cotton affairs and it is the status of the latter that more especially induces this letter - You have been advised by Col Hutchins of the action of the State Legislature - the bill has passed both houses & will doubtless be approved by the Governor, although Mr. Saltinger thinks he will veto it - If he approves the bill, so that it becomes a law - the cotton office will either have to resign, or change the character of its operations, for while I do not think it amenable to the act, yet any one who chooses can bring suit against any or all its members in any county in the state - a contingent annoyance to which we do not intend to subject ourselves - you will have read ere this the justification of Col Hutchins last week & doubtless recognized the writer - Two alternatives seem suggested will have to be resorted to, and the cotton will have to be impressed, it must be done - but you will remember, the views expressed to you last fall on that subject - beyond what little cotton in bales can be had, impressment is impossible - the planters will neither give nor lease, & the military cannot do it - I see nothing in the future in regard to cotton & supplies through the means of cotton but failure and anarchy - ostensibly, and primarily the Governors state plan, is the principal cause of this state, but in my humble opinion much of the blame justly lies at the door of Gen. Smith, for whose military and personal qualities I entertain the highest respect, but for those business qualifications, I entertain the same opinion I expressed to you, strengthened & confirmed by

of persons of his mis-management - In his dealings with the Gov. he has labored under the disadvantage, that an honest, unsuspecting and inexperienced man, always does in dealing with a sly unprincipled trickster - and his fault is in sacrificing the cotton office to a mistaken view of the necessity of avoiding conflict with the state - This is no time for such weakness, and the people of Texas, strong as they are, in their attachment to the rights of the State, are not disposed to expend any measures that are designed to produce collision at this hour of trial, when united effort, and hearty co-operation are needed to meet the outside foe - We learn here that Judge Davies obtained from Genl. Smith, four orders embracing all the Governor wanted, to carry out his magnificent speculations - Now why is it, Genl. Smith does not sternly refuse to listen to people on the subject of cotton, & refer them to the cotton bureau - When you at Shreveport, & the Office here, have been strong to bring order out of confusion, & cancel all the bonus permits mixed with so lawless hands, so as to realize if possible some cotton for the Govt. Genl. Smith permits himself to be beguiled into giving new ones - viz: B. R. & R. for 2000 bales - & Ward for some 900 bales - & for what? does not this kind of vacillation say to us as plainly as can be, "make no calculation on the support of the Genral" - He & Genl. Magruder have changed places, for the latter for months past, has constantly cordially sustained the cotton office, but will not allow any one to refer cotton matters to him

From the beginning we have had nothing but a series of difficulties to contend with - the avarice and cupidity of the speculator, who conceived his gains to be jeopardized - & the stupidity of those who ought to have sustained us - the us meaning not the persons in the cotton office, but the institution - the good we

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have been able to do for the public service under all these discouragements, shows how much more we might have done, had we been sustained - why is it, that no effort has been made to have some action in Congress to provide for our certificates, & confirm our operations?

Is that part of the mission of Col. Bryan? and do you look for any important results from his efforts? does it not try your patience to see such interests, involving a practical acquaintance with financial & mercantile principles placed in the keeping of men totally unacquainted with either - why dont you ask Gen. Smith to order you to go to Richmond, to superintend this matter - Judge Gray told me frankly that up to the time of his leaving Richmond in March last, little or nothing was known of our operations, or of what was needed - he has now urged Gen. Smith to order "Regulations" for the overland trade, in the absence of those that should have come from Richmond two months ago - but I apprehend Gen Smith can not do anything in the matter, but order impressments - The fact is, unless Congress acts & speedily, the wants of this department will not be supplied - I see no way to meet the difficulties, unless, the governor & his partners, either voluntarily relinquish their scheme, or the Legislature should checkmate them - neither of which events I fear will happen - I wish I was post here for a few months - I would go to Richmond myself - I have friends in Congress, and among them some of the best minds there - W. Flournoy is said to be opposed to my cotton operations outside of his Department - he has great confidence in my judgement, expressed both to me & to my friends, & possibly I could reconcile any difficulties, but it is no use speculating, as I can't go - my greatest hope is that the success of our armies this spring, may under Providence terminate the war, open the ports, and dispense

with military control of mercantile affairs - report it be-

By the way, that is in the case of Maj McKee - he has been under close arrest here for several months, a few days ago, he told me he had not been informed of the charges against him - does Genl Smith seriously believe he will run away? If not why have a guard over him all the time - it strikes me, if he desired to leave our lines he had every opportunity when the yankees came to Alexandria, instead of which he came this way - what has he done? if no secret, I would like to know, as his situation is very distressing to his family - - -

What do you think of the war, when will it end? how is it Genl Taylor is promoted over Genl Magruder? but for the sagacity & energy of Magruder, the defeated troops would have been missing & the Yankees in Shreveport & further west, instead of being stripped at Mansfield & Pleasant Hill, under Genl Taylor - but so the world goes - Magruders friends (some of them) think he will & ought to resign - I do not, I think he is a true patriot, & though as sensitive to a slight as anyone, too true to the cause to abandon it, to gratify personal feeling - time will show - there are others you & I know, who are content to do full duty to the country, for the simple praise of an approving conscience - leaving grandeur to the politicians - who have one it -

Don't be as long answering as I have been, for you know you would appreciate more ready [illegible], besides possessing greater industry - Kind regards to friends & home ones near you - Believe me

Yours truly
James Dinkins

Lt Col. H. A. Broadwell
Shreveport
La

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30th Sept 1863

J A Shafer.

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Requesting permission
to Effect Cattle—

Anderson Texas Sep 30 63

Capt E. T. Turner
A. A. Genl
Houston Texas

Sir

I have the
honor to apply for permission
to take out of the country two
or three Loads of Cotton for
the purpos of purchasing tin
to be worket up at my shops
at Anderson & Milican —
I have worket up all of my
Materials into Canteens Cups &
for the soldiers, and I am
pressed dayley for more, and
this is the only means of
getting tin. I Respectfully
to the tin Merchants of
Houston, as vouchers for
my Standing

I very Respectfully
your ob Servant
E. T. Schafer

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant
L. T. Schafer

No 21

Leonyte April 26 1863

Received of R. L. Sanner
Nine Hhds of Sugar Marked
C. S. A. ——
R. R. R. Road
pr J. L. Sharitt Jr.
Q. M.

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Leconte May 1st 1863.

Received of Mr Hutchins Forty Eight (48) Hhds of Sugar Marked C. S. A. for Government from Mr. John Ewell's Plantation.

R. R. K. Rose
pr. J. L. Shanks Jr
Agt.

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Leconte May 4th 1863.

Received of Mr Hutchins Forty Eight (48) Hhds of Sugar Marked C.S.A. for Government, from Mr. John Ewell's Plantation.

R. R. K. Roach
for J. L. Shanklin Jr
Agt.

Houston, Jany 24th 1866

Bd. Shepherd

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Recommends L. M. Lamb

Typewriter machine

B. A. SHEPHERD'S

Exchange and Collection Office.

Houston, Texas, Janry. 29th 1865.

Col W. A. Andrews
Shreveport

my dear sir

I have been written to two or three times by D. R. Lane, (with Perkins on Matamoras) to try by any means in my power to get him detailed to go to Europe for the purpose of procuring machinery for him. I know of no way I can forward this matter for Lane but to write you to use your influence with maj Haynes for that purpose. Perkins has written Col Hutchins and he (H) says he has forwarded the papers to maj Haynes. I can say nothing for Lane in addition to what Perkins has said. Lane is known to Perkins as well as to any one here and has his confidence as a man admirably fitted for a service of that sort. I think he is known to you in that respect equally well. I know of no one I think would more faithfully and ably discharge such a duty in selecting and getting up machinery for manufacturing purposes. he has had much experience as you know. Lane is not doing much good now where he is. not so much as he would in the other service if any one is wanted. and I trust you may be able to do something to advance his wishes. Let me hear from you if you can or cannot do any thing for him. His "Sugar claim is in statu quo" you and it seems as if he is to lose it. and it is a shame he should

Yours very Resp. B. A. Shepherd

Bannonville 19th Decr 1864

James G. Shepherd.

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Preparing to sell 42.
bales of Cotton, &c.

Shreveport
4th Jany 1865

Reply referred
to L. J. Bellknap
Treasury. agent
& Counsel to
to this gentleman's
proposition.
Mr Bellknap is
requested to
answer the letter
as he thinks
proper
W. P. Brandwell
Sec'y

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Ans'd Jany 6th 1865
L. P. B.

Brentan & Broadwell

Dec 19th 1864

Stonington

Dear Sir

I have forty two
bales cotton that was stored
with Hall & Co Stonington
the last spring by order of
Genl Smith was moved
to Fort Monroe where
I now is with other lots
of cotton. I wish to turn
this cotton to Govt & get a
permit to export a like
amount into Mexico on
which it to Govt. I have
the Warehouse receipts
with marks & weights
and am informed that
all but two bales are in
good order. If you will
procure it & give
me a permit write me what.
I will give for it in
Confederate money. Very Respectfully
your Obed Servt
James E. Shipard

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Boston 20th Oct 1864.

B. A. Shepherd.

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Enclosing letter from
Wm Perkins. in regard
to Lamer Shugar.

Houston Oct 20. /64

Capt W. A Blank.

Shreveport.

Dear Sir

I am just in receipt of the enc. closed 3 letters from Messrs Perkins written at Montamoras about 17 ults. in relation to Lanes Negro matter, with request to forward to you with a hope it may prove an assistance in getting that matter adjusted. The letters should have reached their long since. they were sent by Col B. who after some delay mailed the package at San Antonio and is now supposed to be gone to Monterey Mex on business

You will of course use the letters for Lanes benefit in your discretion you deem and any thing to what I have said heretofore would be but useless.

Your Obt Servt

R. A. Shepherd

Houston. 20th June 1864.

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B. A. Shepherd

and

W. A. Broadwell

—

Referring to the Sugar

St Lane at Camden

Rec June 29th 1864

Ans? " "

Houston June 20. 1864.

Capt W. C. Black
Shreveport

Dear Sir

Replying to the enclosed letter of col Brooks will advise in part explaining the object of my writing I desire to say that Lt Lane seems anxious about some Sugar he has at Camden and wrote me from Laredo 29 ults. "If you conclude to have it held wrote to W. C. Black Shreveport that it is my wish to move it" - alluding to a suggestion previously made that by holding longer it might command a larger price. I am no better able to determine this matter than he and not as well as yourself and under all the circumstances I think it just as well to close it up and use the proceeds otherwise as to hold. I dont know how much there is now of it or how much there was in. Never knew till Brownsville told me this morning that one half had been taken away of it. and he thinks the Federals took some. I think this a mistake also Brooks in his first telegram (about 12th May) advised him this one. He says. "Inform Lane his Sugar is still on hand".

You having knowledge of the matter from Lane and requested by him to look after it: I can do no better I think than entrust the whole matter in your hands and when you shall succeed in bringing it to a close I will be obliged to you to inform me the result to communicate to Lane and suggest the most expedient way of transmitting the funds for his use. In the mean time if you become possessed of any information important to Mr Lane please advise me

Very Respt Yr obt Servt
B. A. Shepherd

Houston 19th June 1862

Captain –

B.A Shepherd – has just shown me a despatch from Lt. Col. Brooks Camden stating that Lamar Rogers is under Arrest – Charges unknown – My impression was that a portion of Lamar Rogers was engaged by the Federals & the balance misled by our army – and that they Rogers had conducted to replace the Rogers impressed at Camden into Rogers at Shreveport – thus saving the transportation on Rogers from Shreveport when the Govt has plenty – to Camden when there was a necessity for impressment – Lamar being an officer of the army & entitled to all the consideration which can be given him – Now it was important to Lamar to get this matter closed & Rogers at work that the Sugar can be made to bring – Please give it your immediate attention & withdraw your efforts to have Lt Lamar or B.A Shepherd robbed

Very Respy
Your obt Svt
J.W.A. Sandwell

To
Capt W.G. Black
Shreveport

Alexandria 5th July 1864

Jas Shuey

Hon

Referring to the receipt
of his pass of 5th —

Office Chief of River Transportation
Districts West of Louisiana
Alexandria La July 5th 1876

My Dear Captain

An apology is due you for not writing sooner but I found that the buggy that I spoke to you of had been sold, and I have been looking around ever since to try and hear of one that would suit you but so far without success.

Please say to Col or maj B. that the bill of Mackerel, Small box, & letter for our Papers have been received & will be sent to New O by first chance

Very Truly Yours
J. H. Shurz

Capt W. C. Black
Cotton Bureau
Shreveport
La

Please find enclosed the Miller receipt for $500 sent to him from your office by me— Please return me my receipt & destroy it.

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U. S. Marshal's Office
Nacogdoches Jany 22nd 1865

Mr. Walker, Brazeale
Nacogdoches

Sir —

You are hereby appointed a Deputy Marshal of the Confederate States for the State of Louisiana — Your district will be the Sabine Parishes whose business is attended at Nacogdoches

You will at once qualify and act upon the duties of your office causing ~~a copy hereof~~ the oath of allegiance with your acceptance of said office to be filed & made of Record in the Clerk of the U. S. Court at Nacogdoches Texas

~~Your obedient Servt~~

~~Geo. W. Chilton~~

Lt. Marshal La

1728 La Grange Texas
Nov 8, 1864
B. Shropshire
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In regards to purchase
of Cotton will push
the work all he can

Answered
file

La Grange Texas
Nov. 8th 1864

(a)

Gen Gar- D. 1st Inst. with instructions, addressed to me, between- closed to N. W. Jaison agent at this place, is recvd. I will use my best efforts to comply with your wishes, by urging the Local agents to use all possible diligence to purchase our half of the remaining cotton. Under the instructions received from Capt. Wells I have my labors have been confined exclusively to the enforcement of the Emancipation act. The local agents report progress directly to Capt Wells, and report to me daily such cases as appear to call. I am therefore not posted as to the amount of cotton purchased by the agents respectively, nor as to their supplies of Specie & Rupees. When I received your pleasing letter of the 1st I was undistributing the stamps

I informed that my duties were to be communicated through, and. wish to Capt. Wells to know if such were the fact. But he informed me that he had no change to suggest. Supposing that he understood and expressed your wishes, I continued myself to the duties to which I had been originally assigned, that of making requisitions. I will continue the courses of my district with all possible diligence.

I wish to you some days since, on a subject of a private or personal nature, to which I shall be glad to have a reply at your earliest convenience. Address me at this place. I am, Col. Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt

J. B. Thompson
Capt. & C.

To
Lt. Col. W. G. Broadwell
Chief Cotton Bureau
San Antonio

Alexandria 15th Feby 1864

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Capt. - B - Shropshire

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In relation to Govt Sugar & Molasses in the hands of Planters - Memoranda of instructions from Maj. Gen. H. Dameron - left in this office

Asks information reference to these Sugars - & Molasses - &c - Maj. D's wish in reference to beef Cattle for the D. of Gulf &c —

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Alexandria La
Oct 15th 1864

Col.

Not finding you at Shreveport, and learning that you were at this place, I came here to see you, arriving yesterday evening. Unfortunately, however, I learn that you have gone to Shreveport.

When at your office in that City, I left a copy of my orders, and also copy of a memorandum of articles of cotton and tobacco, purchased for the Government, and for which Maj. W. H. Harrison is responsible. I have frequently been told that you have sold cotton and other stores in exposed localities, and that perhaps I should not. I am looking after two to be conducted in this business. In this subject, I desire information, upon your coming down to Natchitoches Parish, in order that I may act advisedly, and that there may not be a conflict of authority. Will you please therefore write

me,

"On receipt of this, by courier, giving me the desired information, stating which lots of Penn stone, if any, you may have sold, and any other information that may aid me in carrying out the wishes of Maj. Flagler as expressed in my orders. Maj. Gl. instructed me to see you, and advise with you, on the subject of my business, supposing that you are in possession of more information in relation to Penn stone than myself. (In pursuance of my orders, I will obey any order which you may deem advisable to give me.!

On a late letter from Maj. Gl. he requests me to ask your assistance & influence with the proper authorities, to have some of the Penn stone now lying on the river. That department is in need of Penn, and a shipment from this [redacted] be a relief.

I am Col. Very Respectfully

To Col. W. A. Broudwell
Chief Cotton Bureau

Your Obt Servt
Wm Hemphill
Capt, A.A.C.S.

22nd Feby 1864/730

Capt B Shropshire

Asking information with regard to the Prices paid for Sugar & Molasses – Also memorandum left in this office –

Answd

Recd 24th Feb 24th 1864

Alexandria Va
Feb. 22nd 1849

Col.

Your favor of 14th inst is
received, and for the information
contained please accept my
thanks. You will oblige me,
Col, by endorsing to me my ad-
dress, if the case of Maj. Phillips
C.S. the memorandum which
I left at your office, showing
the localities, and purchases
of the Lynn and Molusca
of which I am in search.
I have a copy of it, except
that the copy does not show
the cost of the articles, I in-
tended to assume that you have
and have this, but made a
mistake in the selection. But
I suppose you will have no
other use for it, and I need
it, as I am ordered to sell
the shells, at a price not less
than the cost I am Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt B F Shumard
Capt & Asst

Alexandria 1st Sept
Lt 2d 31 fleets -

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Asking an appointment

Alexandria La. Sept 1. 1864.

Col. Wm. Vinton Lieut Colonel.

While in Houston, you were kind enough to express a wish to have me on duty with You.

Your kindness to me while on duty with You in 1863, Makes me desirous of being once more with you.

I have conversed with Major Howard on the subject, and he advises me to accept your offer, if I can thereby better myself.

My object in writing to you Colonel, is to ascertain what position you can give me under You. I, naturally, desire promotion, and if I consulted my own pleasure on the subject, I would prefer being immediately and Continually with you and under your own orders.

Is there any position within your gift, that would confer with it an advance of position?

Your influence with Genl. Smith, could obtain any favor you might desire

I sincerely trust you can so arrange it, as will ensure me the pleasure of being with You. Hoping You will favor me with an answer at your earliest convenience

I remain Colonel

Yours very resp'y

Thos. L. Thute

Col. W. A. Bouldwell.

Houston

Texas.

Shelf 732

Office Chief Commissary for Mississippi,

Meridian, May 8th, 1864

Colonel

I take the liberty of enclosing a letter for Mr. Early Miller. Bayou Chene P.O. St. Martinsville La. which letter came the blockade into Wilmington N.C. on or about the 17th April - Will you please be so kind as to see that it reaches its destination in safety!

I am now, and have been ever since my return from Jno Dept, on duty with Maj. Damon -

I often think of the times when I was with you - and wish I was one more in the Trans. Miss Dept -

Please remember me to Maj. Howard - and all my friends - Hoping I may have the pleasure of hearing from you.

I remain Colonel.

Yrs. respy
Thos. L Shute

Col W. A Broadwell.
Asst Gen. Kirby Smith
Shreveport
La

Arizona,

Head Quarters, Dist.

Houston 1st Oct 1863

Saml Simpson
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Proposing to deliver
army supplies at any
designated point on Red
River - & to receive
Cotton in payment at 25
¢ per pound —

Houston. 1st Octo 1863

Lt Col M. A. Broadwell
Asst. Chief of Cotton Bureau

I propose to furnish
the Govmt. Supplies. such as Coffee
Bacon Flour Shoes clothing. Goods should
bear Chevrons. Himself Cotton Cotton
Contrabands which may be designated. (Real
Contraband of war,) Deliverable at such
points on Red River as may be designated.
charging the Govmt the cash in new orleans
& expenses accruing as may be indicated by
my Bills actually paid - (at prices not
exceeding exhibitants.) Payable in Cotton
at 25c per lb. at such points as may be.
convenient to the Cotton Bureau on Red River
provided I am permitted to export the
Cotton from such Confederate Ports as
You designate, upon payment of the Govmt
dues -

Very Respy

Jno Simpson.

Jud. 1734 3

Saml. Simpson

89 Houston

Texas

In regard to the affairs of Jelly Hunt. the specie value of Colts v C.



Houston July 28 1863

Lieut: General Kirby Smith,

Dear Sir,

Referring to the interview you honoured me with at Shreveport, I now trespass upon you to say that I proceeded to San Antonio and delivered your letter to Major Hart. I explained my views fully to that gentleman, stating that though I wished to see further development of military operations before acting a definite proposal, yet I desired to prepare the way for acting, when the fitting time should have arrived. I found however that to such a difference existed between Major Hart's ideas of the value of cotton in the Jan interior, and those of my English associates, as to render further negociation valueless. Major Hart took the sale of cotton Bonds in Europe as his standard, and thought if they realized 10 d. sterl per lb of cotton, that taking off 5 per ct for carriage, he would not be authorized to accept less than 8 d, my instructions are very wide indeed of this mode, nor could I see the force of Major Hart's reasoning, in view of the position of this market, where 4/5ths the Cotton purchased was freely offered @ 8 d sterl, while within 50 miles of the railway terminus at Millican, 5 d only is asked for a superior article = In Brownsville the last quotation is 20 d a carriage alone from Alleyton difficult to procure @ 10 d. Here Confederate money is freely offered in large sums @ $8. for $1 sterl, and I have known cotton sold recently in quantity at Brenham @ 22/ d paper -

I beg respectfully to state, that I am prepared to take as a beginning, three thousand Bales of cotton in Austin or other

neighbouring Counties west of the Line of Smith, @ three & one half (3½ ¢) cents specie per lb delivered, payment to be made for 2000 Bales by approved drafts on London @ 60 days sight, @ 5/4.60 per Pound sterling; for 1000 Bales the payment to be in goods suitable for general use out of Cargo of "Rizabal" now delivering at Matamoros, taking English cost price of goods, adding thereto charges Bona Fide incurred, also thirty three and one third pr cent on cost price for profit of importer.

I am just starting for Brownsville whence I immediately return, & may I crave the favor of a reply from you, to await me at Passmans Landing, Corpus, here on my return, in sixteen days or thereabouts, should you on behalf of the Confederate government entertain any proposition, I shall either visit upon you at Shreveport, or write them Union details which it is impossible to arrange by letter viz such a transaction, with Major Blanchard, Major Bryan or any other person who may be authorized by you for the purpose

Yours respectfully
David Simpson

Alexandria Va May 13th 1864

Saml Simpson

Announces his arrival
at Alexandria - failed
to Complete his arrangements
Refers to the case of the Ship
Alexandria - the influence
upon Confederate Bonds
in London -

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Alexandria Feby 11 1864

Lt Col H A Broadrick

Dear Sir

I arrived here last night and will go to Shreveport I expect on Saturday

I could not complete my arrangements as I had hoped, but may get Mules & Waggons & have you all the stores I do so

Nothing new in politics the repeal of the Neutrality Law & the Alexandria case sent Confed Commissioners to England

May I trespass upon you to forward enclosed by express to Austin

With Compts to Captain Black

I am your very Frnd

Saml Simpson

Head Qrs Cotton Bureau
Shreveport La July 1864

Respectfully referred to Capt H. Qualls, A.A.G. Should not understand the terms of this proposition & will meet with approval & acceptance, I should recommend the Cotton named the enemy's lines be declared subject to an Export that the funds received for payment can be devoted to obtaining in the payment of debts and procurement of supplies (signed) Th. A. Broadwell
Lt. Col.

Head Qrs Trans Miss Dept
Shreveport La. July 27th 1864

This proposition should meet the approval of (illegible) Col Broadwell. Chief of Cotton Bureau is authorized to close the transaction, to sell 1,000 bales (One thousand bales) from positions expected to capture by the Enemy, the funds received will be deposited with the Chief of Bureau of Subsistence, the Cotton delivered & the funds under this arrangement will be exempted from destruction & permit given to export to Europe upon payment of the export duties, whenever the funds received be found available for the purchase of Rio Grande Goods to warrant the transaction being extended to 5000 bales an advance in payment to be added to the 1000 to meet any depreciation that may take place in the funds effected.

Jno. E. Kirby Smith Lt Gen C

True Copy Th. A Broadwell
Lt. Col.

Cotton Bureau 1733
Shreveport June 22d 64

Capt H. C. Black

In regard to Simpsons claims - How to be paid - asks if I will be allowed to purchase enough Cotton to load his Boat at Houma at what rate - Also offers to turn over Cotton in Texas say 2 Bales for 1 in La -

Has genl State Agt Strother order on Maj Buckner for 200 B/C -

Enclosed Simpsons letter -

Houston June 29 64
Reply returned. in addition to the 209 Bales which Mr Simpson is to receive Capt Black will give him 97 Bales Bales Each of the owners of the claims against the Account Genl. Instructed me to adjust equitably Capt Reuse will pay them in cotton at $100 per Bale - In addition he is authorized to exchange one Bale on the owners for 2 in Texas - and to adjust his demand for impressed cotton on the same basis - or bale for bale - as he may think proper, It is presumed as I will have no difficulty in obtaining authority from Gen'l Kirby Smith & Gen'l Cottons to include cotton from the Parish in the Permit he issues authorizing exportation

W. H. Broadnell
Lt & A.C.S.

The 97 Bales returned is of of course in exchange for a like quantity to be drawn by Mr Simpson

Head Quarters, Trans-Mississippi Department,

OFFICE OF THE COTTON BUREAU.

Col W A Bowdoin
Colonel

Shreveport 22nd June 1864

I enclose letter from Mr Simpson, it needs explanation for itself. He writes to beg for Alexandria on his return, if he can purchase his engagements as he wishes, he will expect me to settle with him. In the mean time you will, I am much desirous, to enable me to effect a settlement satisfactory to both parties — He expects 306 bales to be given him on the Ouachita, in lieu of the Cotton sold him at Alexandria — Where is letter No 3067 from Hd Qrs directs you to turn over 209 bales. The balance of the 306 — is still at Alexandria, is it your intention, to retain the Alex.r Cotton? and give Ouachita in its place — His next claim is a Speculative one of $5663 45¼/100 — then one Item in Currency of 775 25/100 (at what rate should this be taken) Then he has a claim for Cotton impressed by the Authorities in Texas. The necessary documents of which he has not yet received — Then he has Cotton in Texas which he proposes to exchange, giving two bales to the State, for one on the Ouachita — And lastly — He wishes to receive sufficient Cotton to load the Boat he may be able to bring to Monroe & wishes to know if he can buy enough for that purpose — and on what terms — At his request I wrote Major Bullock to the effect that I might draw on him for Some 4 or 500 bales in favor of Simpson, but he must not regard this as a notice to interfere with any arrangements then on hand from Communications — I have told Major Bullock to turn over to the State Agent Capt Strother 200 bales Cotton, and when permit to ship is granted, he will look to the collection of Export duty — I enclose you letter from Mr Marshall — The passage by Simpson safely in the hands of the Indian, who thanks you for your kind consideration, Major Miller is expected to be within 4 miles of this place — When he crossed last night

Very truly
W W Black
Capt C.S.A.

B. M. Johnson Esq
Cor
Saml. Thompson

Cotton Office
Shreveport 23rd July 1864

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that your proposition of 19th has been submitted to the Genl Bill, he doubts our ability to render the Character of funds offered in payment available in meeting the necessities of this Department and states emphatically that no conditions would be yielded by him other than to issue an order Exempting from destruction the Cotton sold, with privileges to Export same to Europe? if it is established beyond question that the Bank Checks offered by you in payment can be made to serve the purposes of the Government, and the transaction can be closed by simply taking your money for the cotton we sell you and the issue of an order Exempting it from destruction with permit to Export,

the Genl may decide to order 1000 bales sold with the privilege of Exporting to quantity named by you 500 bales, provided we are satisfied by positive Expression that we can use your Bank Checks in the payment of our debt to advantage

I remain Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Signed W. A. Broadwell
Lt Col.
Quartermaster
Official C

A Gentleman called
I will buy the Cotton on the
above terms @ $160. pr bale
Signed B. M. Johnson
Saml. Thompson

Hamlin 1736 Oct 2 163 A
Sam. Simpson 1/2
Shipwrights
to Lieu Letters

Houston, November 2. 1863

Lt. Col. W. A. Broadwell
Chief of the Cotton Bureau
Sir

I propose to purchase the lot of cotton shown me as bought by Dr. G. Young under order from J. B. D. Debow, at the rate of Fifty Dollars Specie per Bale. Say 5357 Bales cost $267,850.: payable with sterling exchange or its equivalent which may be approved of by Lt. Col. Smith, or by yourself, or the Cotton Bureau. Say Twenty thousand Pounds immediately available to the Bureau in N. York as I am in a position to give assurance that I can carry out the Cotton to Europe without interruption, and the Balance in my Bills upon England drawn against the cotton thus delivered. On production of ownership as endorsed upon the list furnished by Dr. Young an order is issued by Col. Smith exempting the cotton from destruction by Confederate forces and a permit is granted me to export it upon my payment of the government dues.

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Thursday Nov 27th 1863

Sam'l Simpson

to

Lt Col W A Broadwell

Requesting a small lot of his Cotton - 40 to 60 Bales be Exempted from Impressment

Shumpert, Nov 24, 1863

Lt Col H A Broadwell.

Dear Sir -

I start for New Orleans in the morning, your Brother Bragg Broadwell kindly recommending the point to me, by Alexandria, & Washington.

All went smoothly with me, and I at once got all needful papers from General Smith, who has started this Morning for Arkansas. I trust to be back in twenty days, with I hope the required papers from Gen Banks.

It is now raining heavily, I hope it may not rise the rivers

I forgot to speak to you upon & publish from you regarding My Miscellaneous Letter, I have some 40 or 60 Bale I know not how much exactly, unfortunately and I rely on your arranging that it

shall escape the pangs of what I just
expect will be your all devouring Duncan,
it is beneath the Critics of a body which
was so long in formation, and may therefore
be expected to come out at once "Minerva"
like panoplied in Wisdom. Seriously
I expect you will agree with me, that
under all the circumstances I am not
unreasonable in asking that this letter
may be exempt from imprisonment.

I am, yours very Truly,
Hamd Simpson.

Please give exemption to Bro Brown for me
he will oblige me. I understand you are
going to San Antonio the address of Bro
H & Brown is at Bro Adams, San Antonio

1738

Specimen

No. 136. Par. XIX

Permitting Saml Simpson
to export 375 bales of
Cotton to Europe

[illegible]

[EXTRACT.]

Head Quarters Trans-Mississippi Department,

Shreveport La. June 1st 1864.

SPECIAL ORDERS,
No. 136.

XIX. Mr Samuel Simpson having acquired the right to export three hundred and seventy five (375) Bales of Cotton by way of the Mississippi river, by virtue of a transaction entered into prior to the enactment of the late law regulating exports, he will be permitted to export to Europe, three hundred and six Bales, (sixty nine Bales having already been exported,) as soon as he furnishes sufficient evidence to the Commander of the District of Louisiana that said Cotton will not be molested in its transit to Europe through the Enemy's lines, by the Federal authorities.

By Command of
Genl E Kirby Smith
J. S. Simpson
asst adjt Genl

Lt Col Broadwell

Galveston 20th Aug 1864

Genl J E Slaughter
& B Bloomfield -

2306

Company to
Chas 800 B/b

Slaughter 7440.

Galveston August

My dear Col,

The enclosed letter from Major Bloomfield also peaks to direct all the disaffected or prather objectionary which suggested themselves to me. And if you have no objections to the plan which I am about now to recommend before adverted. I earnestly recommend its acceptance. From mum to be taken from the Attendicle and the threatenings of the Returned Members of Congress. I fear that from Sickness may be changed or modified time. Before

Maj. Neill, recalled
that another reason
why he should Desire
to leave the Country, was
that Mrs. Neill was unwilling
to live there any
longer, and desired
attention should be paid
to it.

I have been sick
ever since my arrival
here.

Yours truly
Chas. Mclaughlin

P.S. Gen. Gaston, Hemming
& Sam are here. The former
is opposed to the Office
& they seem unanswering
quick.

P.S.
Col. H. L. Broadwell
San Antonio Texas

Galveston, Texas
Augt 31st 1864

To/ Lt Col W. H. Broadwell
Chief Cotton Bureau
Trans Miss Dept
San Antonio
Texas

Col

I write on the part of the parties who offered to invest the proceeds of 800/ Eight hundred Bales of their Cotton upon certain conditions, and which is still before you for action

In addition to the proposal made I am requested to inform you, that parties will agree, to place the capacity of the Steamer at the disposal of the Cotton Bureau, every alternate trip to be loaded with Govt Cotton or every trip, one half (1/2) of her Capacity for the same purpose, receiving for freight the price allowed by law, and the privilege to export, via the Rio Grande, all Cotton received

in payment of supplies fur-
nished, when requested

Trusting this favour-
able proposition to the Govt.
will meet with your approval
and the permits furnished
me at the earliest date possi-
ble upon the parties entering
into agreement with the Cotton
Bureau at Abeokuta in accor-
dance with this proposition

I remain.

with great esteem
Your Obt Servt
P. J. Bloomfield
Actg Asst Surg

1220

Galveston 17th Aug 1844

Jas E Slaughter

Brig Genl Ch Staff

2282

Returning the proposition
of Maj Blanchard

Assent

Disapproved

W A B

Maj. Genl. Dana
Galveston Aug 17th 1864

Did you inform me that you were about to send for San Antonio to bring down Eight Hundred bales of Cotton. If you have not the application with you will find it in the bottom right hand drawer of my desk. There may be also other papers for you to examine and decide upon them. You will recollect that Genl Smith was favorably impressed with the applications of Maj. Bloomfield, but left the matter for you and myself to determine you are much more capable of deciding upon such matters than I am. If you think favorably of it, altho it may conflict somewhat with Genl Smith's order. I think we should procure it. Let a receipt

principle that the power which creates can alter, change or destroy, in view of the President's Regulations, I don't know but what it might be best to accept it. My understanding was this we might accept Maj Broome's as the Govt agent or not, and Genl Smith suggested Mr Nicholl, Maj Blenniner must be in mind however, that the present proposition has been changed since Genl Smith was consulted. His first proposition was (now) Six thousand Bales. the owners of the Cotton taking all risk and Expense Consigning Cotton to Govt agent. who would receive proceeds, purchase such cargo as might be offered, and ships to that point where the Govt should decide what profit they were entitled to. the present

proposition is a mere application to
Exmpr (for) Eight Hundred Bales. with which
to purchase a Steamer. and balance of
Money to be invested in accordance with
above proposition. the advantages to be
derived by Govt. from the employment
in a Steamer would be nothing. and parties
who have already made up Subscriptions
with which to purchase Steamer, would
claim like privileges. and all Texas
the Govt therefore in my opinion should
have some interest in the Vessel beyond
first Cargo. of this however you are
much more capable of judging than
I am. whatever your decision may
be. mine will accord with it. If you
grant the permission. you had better leave
it with Capt. Wells until Majr B's arri-
val. when the Capt and I can talk to
him together: at all events please write
me a letter expressing your views. So that
I can show it to the Majr upon his re-
turn. Capt Taylor brought me a bill for
(200) three hundred or more Dollars Specie
due Majr Hampmann. I will give what
ever order you desire necessary in the prem

-ison Capt Taylor will see you.-

The Money I expected I shall require in connection with the Cortina business. I shall not need as the whole arrangement has fallen thro; I hope you will be able to apply a portion of it. To the Contract for the supply of Troops

I am Col
Your Respectfully
Your obt Servt
[illegible]
Asst Qr Mr Genl Staff

Nov 24th 1863

Capt A J Smith
Receipt for Passing Rope
& Iron Fits - also
Receipt for Same by Post
2 Market Carriages Ark

Nov 24th 1863

Capt A D Smith

Rec'd for Dressing Rope

& Iron Iris - also

Rec'd for Saw-ing Part

2 Mortar Carriages

Rec- Chicot County Ark. of Maj. J. F. Robinson
The following articles purchased under orders
from Cotton Bureau, viz. Two Hundred and
two Yards (202) of bagging, Thirty-two
(32 lbs) of iron tie, and one hundred and sixty
Six pounds (166) of hemp rope - Also two
Yoke mules & Gears to have bagging & rope
to Camden Ark - For all of which said Robinson
vice present - bills to Capt. W. C. Black
A. Q. M. Cotton Bureau at Shreveport
La.

202 Yds bagging
166 lbs rope
32 lbs iron tie

A. D. Smith
Capt + A. Q. M.
Cotton Bureau

Jail Delivery
Nov 2nd 1863

Post Quartermasters Office
Camden Ark
Dec 3rd 1863.

Received of Maj. L. L. Robinson Qr. Transportation
Shreveport Louisiana, the following Articles
belonging to the Cotton Bureau, of the Confederate States
(viz)

(202) Two hundred & two Yards Bagging (part of which is used)
(82) Eighty two lbs Rope Yarn
(166) One hundred & Sixty six lbs Bleached Rope
(4) Four Bales Indian Bagging.

Joel D. Bassett
Capt & A.Q.M.

Copy
Respectfully

Office Post Quartermaster
Camden Ark.
Dec 3rd 1863.

Received of Maj E. H. Robinson for transportation
to Shreveport Louisiana the following articles belonging
to the Cotton Bureau of the Confederate States Navy.

202 Two hundred & two Yards Bagging
(32) Thirty two lbs Iron Ties
(166) One hundred & sixty six lbs Hemp Rope
(4) Four Bales Indian Bagging.

Lieut. J. Bowers
Capt & A.Q.M.

(Duplicate)

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E. E. Smith

7. Dec. 1961

"Headquarters Trans. Miss. Depth.
Shreveport 7th Dec 1864

A.R. McDonald Esq
Sir -

I have the honor to acknowledge
ging of the 28th ult. I have thereon
Cotton Magruder Comdy District of Arkansas
to exempt from destruction. Both
the right of repentation the 600.
Bales of Cotton. alluded by you.
from the Ouachita. throws any
question of it - through inadvertence
be destroyed. The Chief of the
Cotton Bureau is ordered to replace
it with Cotton elsewhere. which
you will be permitted to remove
without our lines.

very respy
Your obt Servt
T.E. Kirby Smith
Lieut Comdy.

Copy 1744

Agreement Between

Lud E. Kirby Smith

and

Bouldin & Newell

24th October 1865

Articles of agreement made and entered into this twenty fourth day of October A.D. 1863 by and between Lt Genl E. Kirby Smith Commanding "Trans Mississippi Dept" of the Confederate States of America for and in behalf of the government of the Confederate States party of the one part, and Wm Boulding of the State of Missouri and W.K. Newell of the State of Texas party of the other part; Witnesseth.—

Said partys do hereby mutually Covenant and agree to and with each other as follows. —

viz - The party of the 2nd part do hereby bind themselves to furnish to the party of the 1st pt ordinance and Quarter master Stores: the same to be delivered at any of the Gulf or Rio Grande Ports within the "Trans Miss Dpt" and at that time within the limits of the Confederate lines. For a more particular discription of said Stores reference is here made to Schedules A & B hereto attached and made part hereof

The Stores to be purchased in Europe, the Islands or elsewhere beyond the limits of the Confederate States to be of first rate quality and at rates corresponding to the wholesale rates for the same in Europe to be determined by the Agent herein after named.

Provided - That when the purchases are made elsewhere than in Europe it shall only be upon the authorization of the Agent who shall in every instance Certify as to the reasonableness of the Invoice cost and as to the quality of the Stores; which Certificate shall be evidence of the facts therein containing, upon a settlement between the partys hereto.

The party of the 1st pt agree to pay for said Stores, either to the party of the 2nd pt or their assigns. a sum equal to the Invoice cost and all charges thereon to the point

of delivery, and fifty per cent added thereto: to be paid in Cotton situate in the limit of Texas, and east of the Brazos River, at the rate of five pence (5d) Sterling per pound said Cotton to be in good merchantable order and of the standard of New Orleans Middling and if of a quality superior or inferior to that standard, then the price is to be at a corresponding rate to be determined by two Brokers, one chosen by the party of the 1st pt the other by the party to whom said Cotton is delivered, and in case of their disagreement, they will choose an umpire whose decision shall be final.

Said Cotton to be delivered at the following named points - Lumpkin - Crockett - Parkers Bluff - Magnolia - Alto and Mt Pleasant east of the Trinity River, and at Marlin - Sterling - Moseley Ferry - and Prairie Plains, situate between the Trinity and Brazos Rivers, all in the State of Texas - One thousand Bales of Cotton to be delivered at each of the above named points

If less than ten thousand bales be required to pay for the stores as above named then such smaller amount as required will be paid and delivered by the party of the first part at such of the above named points as may be designated by the party receiving said Cotton.

It is clearly understood however, that not more than one thousand bales can be required to be delivered at any one of the above named points

Provided - It being further agreed between the parties hereto that the party of the 2nd pt or their assigns may receive at their own option Cotton, in payment for stores furnished as above specified, situate between "Red River" and the "Mississippi River" and within the "Trans. Miss Dpt" at the same rates as mentioned above; out of any Cotton there owned by the Confederate States and being within ten miles of

a navigable Stream or Rail Road, instead of Cotton at the points above mentioned in the limits of Texas; subject to the following conditions, Towit - That in the event of the holder of the Cotton certificates desiring to take the Cotton mentioned therein at points between "Red River" and the "Mississippi River" notice of his intention to do so will be given to the Agent before mentioned at the time of his receiving said Certificates, who will inform the party of the first pt of such notice and in that event the Cotton will be delivered between said Streams at the time mentioned for the delivery of the Cotton at the points within the State of Texas and in the manner therein before stated for the delivery of Cotton between Red River and the "Mississippi".

It is further agreed that the party of the 1st pt will issue Cotton Certificates, Twenty five (25) of which are to be of the amount of Fifty (50) Bags each & Fifty (50) bales of the amount of One Hundred (100) bags each - and Twenty five (25) bales of the amount of one hundred and fifty (150) bags each, to be delivered to an agent who shall hold the same and shall deliver to the party or their order a sufficiency thereof to pay the cost and charges upon any bill of goods purchased by them under the provisions of this Contract.

The same to be delivered at the time of the purchase and receipt of the goods by the party of the second part; and to continue to deliver the Certificates when demanded by them, they showing a purchase and delivery of Stores as above stated, until the whole may be invested or until a revocation of this Contract.

These Cotton Certificates are to be based upon Cotton owned by the Confederate States within the State of Texas east of the Brazos River, and which

will be redeemed in Cotton by the party of the first part according to the terms and stipulations mentioned in the body of the same, upon the delivery of the Stores (for the payment of which they have been negociated) at any point within the Confederate lines and within the Trans "Mississippi Department."

Provided - That the party purchasing said Certificate shall immediately give notice thereof and of the probable time at which said Stores will reach a Confederate Port to the Agent entrusted with the Custody of these Certificates.

These Certificates are to contain the stipulations and covenants as set forth in the article attached hereto and made part hereof and marked ["C"] it being a correct Copy of the originals except that the number of Bags is left blank therein.

It is further agreed that the Cotton now owned by the party of the second part or either of them or which may hereafter be procured by them for the purpose of investing in Stores under the provisions of this Contract, the same not to exceed ten thousand bales and situate within the limits of the "Trans Mississippi Department" and the transportation thereof shall be exempt from siezure or destruction by act of the Government or officer, agent or Soldier thereof, said Cotton to be and remain within the limits of the Trans Mississippi Department" till the Stores (for payment of which) it has been sold or exchanged shall have reached a Confederate Port within the limits of said Dept.

The party of the second part agree to use all practicable dispatch in carrying out the provisions of this Contract and the failure upon their part to use the

proper energy and good faith, or an inability upon their part to effect the negociations and purchases herein stated will be cause for revocation of the same and the Agent charged with the custody of the Cotton Certificates is thereby authorized to report any such failure or inability upon which report the party of the first part will be authorized to revoke the contract.

Provided such revocation will not relieve the party of the first part from his obligation to receive and pay for (according to the terms of this Contract) any Stores purchased by the party of the second part prior to notice of such revocation and afterwards delivered as herein before stated.

When Stores are purchased on the "Rio Grande" it is not intended that the percentage allowed therefor shall be fifty per cent, but shall be an amount upon the original invoice cost and charges thereon to be agreed upon between the Agent aforesaid and the party of the second part the same not to exceed in any instance fifty per cent

(In duplicating)

(Signed) E. Kirby Smith
Lieut Colonel
Trans Miss Dept

(Signed) W. W. Baldwin (Seal)
(Signed) D. K. Newell (Seal)

Witness
D. F. Winters
Maj & Chf Qrm
Trans

Witness
Thos. G. White,
Maj & Chf Ord & Arty
Dept

Witness
W. A. Broadwell
Lt & Col

C

Cotton Certificate

The Confederate States of America agree to pay to D.W. Boulden and W.K. Newell or their order

___ Bags of Cotton averaging in weight five hundred (500) pounds each or a number of bags weighing in the aggregate a number of pounds equal in amount to ___ bags weighing each five hundred (500) pounds

The same to be delivered at ___ in Texas upon the delivery by said Boulden and Newell at a Confederate Port within the Trans Mississippi Department of Stores according to the provisions of a Contract entered into between Lt Gen E Kirby Smith Commanding Department Trans Mississippi" for and in behalf of the Confederate States of America and the said D.W. Boulden and W.K. Newell bearing even date herewith.

Said Cotton to be of the Standard therein described

Provided. That the holder of this certificate will be allowed at his option to secure the Cotton mentioned herein at any point within the Department Trans Mississippi Cottons Red River and the Mississippi River, the Cotton to be delivered within ten miles of a Rail Road or navigable Stream upon the Terms and in the manner stating in said Contract, he giving notice as therein required.

The undersigned for and on behalf of the Confederate States does hereby agree to protect said Cotton from injury or destruction by any act

of the government or any officer or agent thereof of Soldiers engaged in the Service thereof.

And should the same be injured or destroyed from any of such causes he will replace it with a like amount of Cotton corresponding in quality

Also, that he will protect said Cotton from impressment, taxation or assessment except the Export duty on the same under the laws of Congress and that he will protect the transportation of said Cotton to the point of Export beyond the limits of the Confederate States from impressment or interruption by the acts of any of the persons before enumerated.

Done in my office at Head Quarters Trans Miss Dept Shreveport La
this 24th day of October AD 1863

4th Div Trans Mis Dept.
Shreveport La Mar 18 63

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Lt Genl E Kirby Smith

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In reference to the propo-
-sitions of Mr Simpson
Authorizes the Chief of the
Cotton Bureau to make
such arrangement with
Mr Simpson as may
be deemed for the best
interest of the Govt—

P. T.

H. Q. Dist. Trans Miss Dept
Shreveport Nov 12th 1863.

Colo.

Mr Simpsons proposal under date of Nov 4th with your letter was this morning received. You will make such contract with Mr S - as you may judge best for the interests of the Government. I will approve and endeavor to carry it into effect. The proposition first presented me by Mr Simpson, I think, provided that the payment should in great part be made by him only after notification of the safe arrival of the cotton in New Orleans. This was objectionable - No contract should be made which pledges the Govt to permit the safe passage of Federal boats within our lines for the purpose of exporting cotton -

I am Colo
Your most obt Svt
E. Kirby Smith
Maj Gen

Colo W. A. Broadwell
Chief Cotton Bureau
Shreveport.

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Hd Qrs Trans. Mfs. Dept
Shreveport 1st Nov 1863

Lt. E. Kirby-Smith
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In reference to the affairs of the Cotton Bureau in Texas - Maj Bryan sent to Texas with full authority - without further reference to Dept Hd Qrs - Expresses his full confidence in the Chief of the Bureau -

H. & Dr. Trans Miss Dept.
Shreveport Nov 1st 63.

Colo.

I have delayed answering your several letters till some definite understanding had been come to in regard to the Cotton Bureau in the State of Texas. I have been embarrassed by the indecision and instability of others, and the Cotton affairs of the District have been in such a transition state that I really had nothing to write.

I have determined upon sending Maj Bryan to Texas in the hope that through his personal influence a suitable person may be found to take charge of the Bureau, he will have full authority to act without further reference to Dept H. qrs - He will confer with you, and after organizing the Bureau, as far as the Chiefs are concerned, will leave you to put it in working operation -

Maj Bryan takes with him a copy of a Contract made by me, (after many days careful consideration) with Messrs Boulden & Hunter - I propose binding Maj Hunter as our agent under this Contract, he can afterwards be made the Gen agent of the Cotton Bureau, for purchasing supplies abroad -

I will write you again soon and be allowed
when You have any confidence to send
Yours &c
E. Kirby Smith
Genl

Colo W. A. Broadwell
Chief Cotton Bureau

Hd Qrs Dist. of Ark. Dept—
Shreveport. 3d Sept. 1863

Lt. Genl. E Kirby Smith

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Instructions to Col. W—a.
Boardwell in reference
to obtaining army supplies

No 693

Lt Col A. A Broadwell
Chief of Cotton Bureau
Colonel -

Alexandria La 3d Sept 1863

I am your visit to Houston & Brownsville, - You will last proposals for the supply & transportation of Cotton. when it may be delivered -; Proposals will be received and accepted, - in which the Cotton regulations for renting the Contracts. will be exempted from burning by the military authority - and a free transit given for it beyond our lines upon payment of the export duty as required by law -.

You will forward these proposals. without delay to the Chief of the Bureau - Bureau at Dept Hd Qrs -

Contracts such as are recommended in the letter of the Secy of war dated 13th inst, will be approved at these Hd Qrs when made upon Competent authority & rendered reliable.

Respectfully Your Obt Servt
E. Kirby Smith
Lt Genl

Dan'l Smith Dec 8th 1864
Capt A D Smith
Dec 10th 1863
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In Relation to
Logging Roads
& Saw Mills

Capt. H. E. Black -

Captain -

I have furnished Mr Daniels $20 to pay the expenses of the Dragoons he takes out - Will you please pay him for Mr Sellers $17.50 of the amount as I owe him for one Cloth & Compliment of him -

Yours Respectfully
H. E. Black
Capt. Co. "D"
2nd Reg. Iowa Cavalry

Mr. Daniels had a mule stolen by his train and called on me to help get it back. He is an honest man and only claims what he thinks his due. I was compelled to impress a Mexican this evening. If he is entitled to any pay from the U.S. for his mule you will confer a favor by assisting him in obtaining compensation. Respectfully

Sanitarium Office
Cotton Bureau
Jefferson Tisby & Co

Capt. E.

Enclosed please find the letter of Capt A.D. Smith ... & have settled with Wm Garrett for the Ginning &c and all other expenses pertaining thereto

Very Respy
Your Obt Svt
S.A. Wirge
Capt & Agent

To
Capt H.C.S. Black
A.D.C. & Army
Shreveport La

Lake Village, Chicot Co. Ark
Dec. 10th 1863

Capt. J. C. Black
A. Q. M. for Chief Cotton Bureau
Capture
Steamer Gen

Six Wagons - under charge of Mr Garrett - hauling Thirty Seven Bales Bagging and a small lot of ties.

Send Gen via Camden 1162 yds Bagging - 32 lbs Ties and 166 lbs rope all of which I hope will arrive safe to hand. The Bagging has been sent since I left the Sun Power on Col. Gordon place - Gen will hear to hear it and immediately.

Have been very much annoyed in getting transportation - The people are unwilling to let their teams go and do all they can to keep them out of the road. Several of my wagons broke - and has to stop to be repaired. Three more of my Drivers were taken off and the train has been delayed for over 2 days by a Conscript Company carrying off one of my teamsters and 2 mules. I will need as many wagons in a day as I can afford several other lots of Bagging in this County - will get all I can find transportation for. Send Gen a list of the weights of the bales of Bagging - the heaviest 2 lbs to the yd. Also a list of Wagons employed and the times - I have been compelled to send one or two wagons at a time to complete I could get enough to warrant sending a main - on account of the proximity of the enemy. The people have attempted to fight me off two or three times - The Provost - Sent out to Capt Bige to be in charge of Collecting Wagons - he took with two other wagons - Gen will see that he has

proper Step to Capt Burgess Hd Qrs
or rather order him to report to Capt
Riggs — he is a good and trustworthy man

All of the Bagging & Rope is sent
some of it has been in Cotton much of it
has not been used — I will have as
as I shall have three or four more wagons than
I require and which will be ready to start
in a day or so —

Respectfully Your
Obt Servt
A. D. Smith

P.S. Val of list of wagons —
Seven Two wagons — on the 28th inst.
Fifteen " " " " 29th "
Twenty One " " " 29 "
Sixteen " " " 29 "
Thirty Two " " " 4 Dec

A. D. Smith
Capt

I send the Rope thinking it might be made
use of in some way

Of the Sorts — intend shipping the wagons
from this County = Gen Lee will send the Mules
I send you back to the Burgess Battalion
& can ship as directed Care of Staff — as to

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I hear from you
try and come down
I hear of your he
write me when I c
and what time yo
in Huston

Yours Re

L. L. Dr. Nolan has moo
& E J Palmer

Address Nashville

oct 9 1863

Nashville Milam Co Texas

Cor Broadwell.

Dear Sir

I have moved to this place and hearing that you had charge of the cotton for the government and I wished to haul some. I concluded to write you on the subject. So you want any hauling done and what will you pay, will you allow me to haul cotton for myself and how much to Brownsville what is the price per hundred miles you will pay do you wish any hauled to Matican which is the end of the rail road. I would prefer to haul to Matican on the account of provinder. I wish to engage three or four teams if you can arrange the price and if the terms are favorable I will try and get ah some more waggons. Now you will write me the particulars I have a great many things about the cotton they say if I haul my teams will be paid so I know you know and I shall await until I

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I hear from you I will
try and come down when
I hear of your head gurters
write me when I can see you
and what time you will be
in Huston

Yours Resp

B F Lee Smith

P.S Dr. Polson has moved also
to E J Palmers
Address Nashville Wilson Co Tes

1750

Edward Smith
Asst Surgeon & Medical Purveyor
Trans Miss Dpmt.

Shreveport La.
Dec 5th 1864.

In reference to claim
of [illegible]

Hd Qrs Dpmt.
Shreveport Dec 10/64

Respectfully refd to
Lt Col Commanding

Dr Brown
Asst Surgeon
U S Vols
Brigade Hospitals

Shreveport 12th Dec 64

Respectfully refered to Capt. W.H. Black Foreign Supply office Treasury agency,

I have heard unofficially that it is the intention of the Treasury Dept. to investigate the merits of all claims payable in Cotton or Coin, to correct errors & adjust them properly.

W.R. Broadnax
Lt Col

E.O.64.

Note

The cotton referred to was furnished by me, prior to the organization of the Texas agency.

Treasury Agency
Foreign Supply Office
Marshall, 14th Dec 64

Respy ret'd. This office has no information, such as is ref. to by Col B. Nor is it aware that it is the intention of the Treas Agency to debate the merits of the Col or any other Bureau -

The duties of this office, as prescribed in the "Regulations," are plain, and will be attended to: Should it produce hardship, as no doubt it may, the Law, and not the agency is at fault.

No one knows better than Col B. the limited resources of the Treas Agency in Cotton, and its available character, because of restrictions from Foreign Markets; and to use them, as contemplated in his endorsement, would not only defeat the intention of the Law, but leave this Office powerless as to the good expected of it in the way of furnishing Supplies for the Army - No one is more anxious than the writer to have the debts of the Govt paid - But to expect of this office, at this time, with its limited means in Cotton, is adding it to deprive the Commanding of the means of keeping his Army in the field -

M.H. Black
Capt
A.A.C.S. Treas

E.B. #30

Office Medical Purveyor D. S. No.
Shreveport La Dec 8th 1864.

General,

I would respectfully call your attention, to the claim of Messrs Jos. Kleiber & Co, for Medicines furnished in November, of last year and ask your assistance, in having their account paid as soon as possible.

These supplies were sold to me, by Messrs Kleiber & Co, upon the faith of orders, that I received from Richmond, to use the funds in my possession, for purchasing cotton, to pay for supplies. I was unable to do so, on account of the low price, put upon it, by the Commissioners. Three hundred and Thirty-nine Bales of cotton, were received from the Cotton Bureau and applied to this account, paying about one third of the whole amount, $53,626.76

These supplies were sold me, at a time, when the Department was almost destitute of Medicines and includes large amounts of Quinine, (126 ounces), Opium, (592 pounds), Morphine and other articles, that are held in all markets, as "Cash" articles. The time that has elapsed, since the delivery of these supplies and the liberality, with

which Messrs Kleiber & Co, have acted in furnishing them, makes it a matter of great importance, that the claim be liquidated at once, or as soon as possible.

This account was referred to Lt Col Hutchins, who approved it; I have not been informed whether or not he has made any further payments upon it.

I beg leave respectfully to call your attention, to the accompanying letter.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant.
Howard Smith.
Surgeon & Medical Purveyor.
Trans Miss Dpmt.

To
General E. Kirby Smith.
Comdg. Trans Miss Dpmt.

C/B

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Maj A. L. Thomas.
Chief Clerkice
Ft Duncil Texas
Houston

Copy

Office Chief Quartermaster, Dept Texas Miss

Maj J. B Thomas.

Chief Q Service, N Dist Texas

Houston.

Major

I have the honor to request the detail of A. M. Kleiber, aged years — 5 feet 5 in high, dark hair, dark eyes, dark complexion, merchant by occupation, enrolled in Harris county, native of France,

for the Transportation of Government Cotton to, and the introduction of supplies from the Rio Grande. I respectfully submit to you the question whether under Gen Orders, July 11th, 64, Enclosed, this detail is not proper.

Mr Kleiber can be of more use to the army in this Department, if allowed to continue his efforts for the supply of the army, than he can be in the field. This Bureau is already largely indebted to Mr Kleiber for supplies furnished last year, and he is willing to furnish other supplies, in advance of payment: provided he is allowed an opportunity to do so

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant

(Signed) E. G. Wells
Capt & a. q. m
Act Chief

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O/O.

Col A Bowie
Asst Q Master
District Texas &c

Copy

Office of Purchasing Q M
Houston Aug 26th 1864.

Colonel

I have the honor to represent, that Mr A M Kleiber has for some time been engaged in introducing into the country, large quantities of Medical Stores, which have been sold to the Medical Purveyor of this Department, the larger portion of which are yet unpaid for

I am informed that he is now fitting out a vessel, with a view of introducing additional supplies, through the Blockade

I would respectfully recommend that, he be afforded such facilities, either in a detail, or exemption from Military Service, as will enable him to accomplish this object, as also such additional time, as may be required to close up the business, which yet remains unsettled by the Government

I am very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
W. J. Hutchins
Lt Col & QM

Signed

To
Col A. G. Sims
Chief of Staff
District Texas &c.

Copy

Cotton Bureau
Treas. Dept.
San Antonio October 10th 1864

Maj Chas Russell
Agt.

I have said to Col Folsom, that upon the arrival of cotton designed for exportation for the benefit of the Choctaw nation, you would take charge of it there. & take B/L. assigned to Wm M. Perkins for sale on account of the Choctaw nation, the proceeds of the cotton will be invested to the best advantage in such supplies as are designated necessary for the nation. If the agent of the Indians thinks that the money can be more judiciously invested in supplies by a resort to some other method than the means proposed by the nation, then the Agent himself will purchase the goods and collect from Perkins to pay the bills & the residue of the proceeds of the cotton. Major Wilkes has agreed to issue permits for the cotton shipped by you as above directed upon the affidavit of the agent required by the law and existing regulations

Very Respectfully
Your obdt Servt
Edgard W. G. Broadwell
Lieut.

Nashville, Tn
December 9. 1864

D. S.

I have the honor to enclose you Copy of letter of Col
W. A Broadwell Ch, cotton Bureau, in which office my original permit
for the exportation of cotton is filed, and under authority of which some
cotton is now in transitu.

Will you be kind enough to inform me
what steps must be taken by me, to make the permit good under the
new regulations, or is the permit valid as it stands now?

The permit was granted upon submission of the proper papers, showing
my appointment by the Choctaw Nation, as their agent for the Exportation
of cotton and importation of necessary supplies.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your obdt. svt
Hampton Nolson

Hon
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Treasury Dpt
Washington
D.C.

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I am sir
Very Resp. Your Obt
Humble Svt
Hampton Nolson

Hon
D. Gray
Treasury Agent
Mobile
Ala.

Houston Sept 18 1864

Surgeon A Smith
Med Pur Trans Miss Dept

Dear Sir

As you are about to leave this city for Shreveport I would respectfully call your attention to our claim for Medicines furnished you last November and for which we have received but a small amount on account I think Doctor that when you arrive at Dept Headqrs you will endeavor to have this matter put in such a shape as will insure its payment shortly

I would also beg of You to make a representation of the following fact and endeavor to have what at Headqrs is deemed justice and equity demand in my case. As you are well aware I have been engaged in instructing Drugs and army Supplies for at least Eighteen months both by land and through the Blockade. I have now a vessel laying idle & my trains turned over to other parties - on account of being put into a Camp of instruction. Without the least show of time to arrange My affairs with the Cotton Bureau enclosed you will find an application from the Chief of the Cotton Bureau for my detail also a letter from

Col Hutchins Secondly is. Still Maj
Thomas the Chief Enrolling Officer here designs
it, although made in accordance with
the Order of Genl Smith
I would also here state that in addition to
the amount due as for days We are now
delivering I Lone Relieved Blanket Shoes cloth
Buggy Rope &c. to the amount of about
Thirty thousand dollars besides Long Journal
Invoices on the road
I refer you to Capt Gary who is at Plymouth
he can testify that I have furnished Him
large amount of necessary goods as well
as to my facilities for continuing my
usefulness in this Branch of the Govermt
business
I beg your indulgence for the trouble I have
given You and trust that You will lay this
Matter before the proper authorities. and
You will please [illegible] to Compensate [illegible]
[illegible]

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
A McKibben

Memorandum

Amount of Dry Claim	£53 000 00
Amount rec^d on this	20 000. 00
	£33. 000. 00
Amount of Army Supplies }	
Issued delivered & due from }	30 000 00
	£63 000 00

on this 47 B/c rec^d —

Call on Captn Barry if you think best before going to Hfx^x but do not fail to get from the detail at least in accordance with the application or to go to sea on my Vessel which will be shortly ready for sea. to return with more supply

E. D. Smith 1737

Head Quarters Trans Miss Dept
Shreveport La Oct 14th 1863

Major

In the event the cotton cannot be obtained on the Rio Grande by the officers of this Dept, to meet the demands of Mr John Childs, contractor, you are authorized to enter into an arrangement with that gentleman, or his associates, to deliver them cotton on the lower Red or Ouachita Rivers, with assurances that all cotton they may receive on or near these rivers, shall be exempt from destruction by confederate authorities, and that a permit will be granted to export it through our lines to any point they may select. You will assure them further, that all transportation employed by them for this purpose, shall be free from interruption on our part

(Signed) Respectfully
E. Kirby Smith
Lt Gen Comdg

Major W. H. Haynes
Chief Clothing Bureau
Dept Trans Miss

Official
W. D. Maclay
A. A. Gen'l

Fort Brown 17th 2d Oct 1863

Dr Howard Smith

Requesting Maj Hobbs
turn over Cotton for the
payment of drugs etc
Enclosing Copy of order &
letter of D. V. Dartigenave Qrt.
referring to the delivery of Cotton

"Copy"

Fort Brown Oct 9th 1863.

Majr S. Cooper

Dear Sir,

I respectively ask your earliest attention to the order for Cotton which I have this day given Mr. Darlington on Jno. M. S. has the right by the contract to claim his Cotton on the Rio Grande, but in the most liberal manner he has waived this right in view of our difficulties, and requests that he may have the Cotton turned over to him at San Antonio Texas. Mr D's charges are less than he has a right to claim by his Contract. The articles he has brought are very much needed, and could not have been procured elsewhere at this time. You will very much oblige me, and do the Government good service by helping Mr. Darlington as much as possible in this matter.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Signed Howard Smith
Surg & Med Purveyor D. Mo. Dept

"A True Copy"
C. Hoch
Maj & A Gen

E. K. 1753 3te

Paid actual expences of
transportation from Nacogdoches to Jacksonville and from Jacksonville to Huntsville and to Shreveport La

T. R. Heard
Maj & A Q M

Head Qrs Dept Trans Miss
Shreveport La Sept 4 1863

Quartermasters are directed to furnish facilities to Lieut Bonneau to transact with dispatch and to pay his Bills of expenses in such funds as may be necessary to enable him to carry out the instructions received from Lieut Genl

By command
Lieut Genl Smith

W. M. Boggs
Brig Genl Chief of Staff

Transportation furnished in kind from Shreveport La to Paris Texas

T. R. Heard
Maj & A Q M

Transportation furnished in kind from Rusk to Huntsville

W. S. Thomas
Capt & A Q M

Transportation furnished in kind from Huntsville to Hempstead Texas

Sandford Tibbs
Capt & A.Q.M.

Transportation in kind furnished to Houston

J. J. Cartter
Capt & A Q M

Transportation furnished in kind from Beaumont to Houston & back

H. B. Bell
Capt & A Q M

No 692

Head Qrs Dept Trans Miss.
Shreveport La Sept 3rd 1863

Lt Colo W. A. Broadwell
Chief Cotton Bureau
Colonel

Now will proceed to Texas and examine the Cotton interests in that State, organize a branch Bureau, with a man of energy, ability and high character at its head.

Colo A. W. Terrill is recommended, and his appointment will be approved at these Hd Qrs, as also the plans proposed in the letter of Genl Magruder accompanying, dated 24th August

It is desirable to avoid delay & you will arange with Colo Terrill to enter upon his duty at once,

Colo Terrill will be subject only to Orders from the Dept. Commander and those emanating from the Chief of the Cotton Bureau, all the necessary Means required to enable the Cotton Bureau to Control the Cotton of Texas, in such manner as will prove most satisfactory to the People and at the same time meet the necessities of the Govmt, will be furnished by the

District Commander, who has been instructed to impress the Cotton of Texas. Which duty, upon the organization of the Branch Bureau, will devolve on its Chief, who will take possession of the Cotton as rapidly as it can be made available for Govmt. purposes. It is of primary importance that a large quantity should be promptly obtained to complete existing Contracts in making impressments a descretionary power should be exercised and you will instruct the head of the Bureau in Texas to exercise his descretion in exempting from seizure Cotton being exported under the sanction of the authority. Where it is clearly our interest for the Cotton to pass out and proper pledges are given that machinery and munitions of equivalent value essential to us will be returned in lieu of the Cotton thus exported.

Cotton exported under authority of the States in this Dept. for the purchase of Supplies, Machinery and munitions of War necessary for the interests of the States should be exempted.

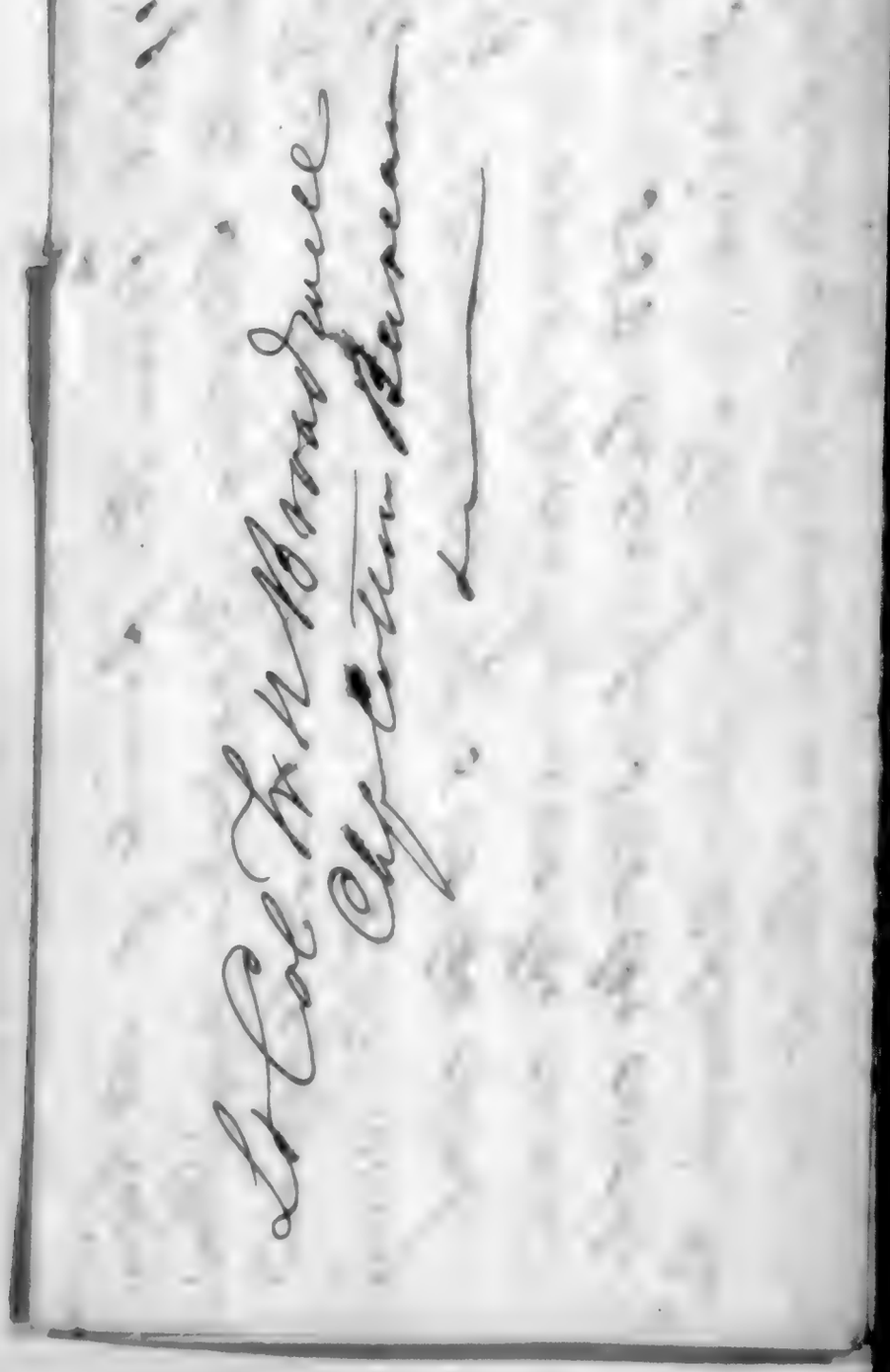
Resp^{y} Your Obt Servt
E Kirby Smith
Lt Gen Comd^{g}

Shreveport La Feb 1865

Gen E. Kirby Smith

~~1249~~ 1249

Respecting completion of fortifications at Mouth Red River



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Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Department.

SHREVEPORT, La., March 28th 1865

Colonel,

You will order Maj Chas Russell Q. M. to complete the settlement with Messrs Bonldin and Newell for the goods received under their contract, and where any failure occurs in delivering to them or their agents the amount of Cotton ordered in letter No 5685 (Feb 17th) he will without delay make up the deficiency from any cotton under the control of the Cotton Bureau.

I wish a full report of the deliveries of Cotton made Benldin and Newell, with copies of their receipts, that they may have the proper evidence of the Government having redeemed the bonds issued them parties by Major Miller Q. M.

Messrs Benldin and Newell are entitled to freight from the points of delivery of the cotton to Sterling, Magnolia and Prairie Plains Texas. Where the bonds required the Cotton to be delivered in the following amounts, viz. 1000 bales of 500 lbs each at Magnolia, 1000 bales of 500 lbs each at Sterling & 550 bales of 500 lbs each at Prairie Plains. The freight should be paid in Confederate Money at the schedule

Sales allowed by the Commissioners.
You will instruct Maj Russell to make payment of freights as above.

Messrs Boulding and Pemble report 200 (two hundred) bales of cotton in Freestone County, Texas, belonging to the Cotton Bureau, which can be used in making up deficits due them. The deliveries of Cotton to them should as far as practicable, be made near Sterling, Magnolia and Prairie Plains.

Am Colonel
Very respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt
E Kirby Smith

Lt Col Wm H Broadnax
Chf Cotton Bureau

Shreveport La Feb 1865
Lt Col E Kirby Smith
Chief of Staff
Trans
Transmitting communication from Cotton Bureau in reference

A D 1756

Lake Village Jany 24/64

Ordering 7 Barrels
Rye to be sent this day
on their Way to Shufalt

Lake Village Aug. 24th 1864

Capt. H. A. Black

Capt.

I have still allowed
keeping and what I promised respect
to Evans for his hire to Gibson - yet I have
days since I would myself for instructions
but my business to take care to trade.

In addition to the keeping of my
Negroes I bought in 2000 lbs from a Mr Stewart
and about 1200 from a Mr Kimbro - Mr Stewart
wishes me to send the money to his to his Mother
in Ala - You had better Mr Kimbro and
send the money for it to Mr Stevens when you
send the money for his - I and Doc Key's men
cut open two cotton bales and stole about
500 or 600 lbs. I have engaged a man to look
after it but he left the place. Among the
trains I send you is one left by the Negroes at
a woodyard - If you send Garrett back with the
wagons so as to pay for them. I wish you would send
Mr Kimbro $ 257.00 for me - to pay for some seed I bought
of him take a receipt from Garrett for all the money
you send back) - I will settle the matter
money you send for me on my arrival - It is impossi-
ble to make any thing accept the swamp in wagons now.
Hoping to be with you soon I remain Your Obt Svt
A. D. Mick

Head Quarters, Trans-Mississippi Department,

OFFICE OF THE COTTON BUREAU.

Shreveport La July 4th 1864 Rec from
Capt W C Black - Two Hundred &
fifty one dollars - to be paid over to
Mr R R Stevens Gen Ag - y & D -
South —

$251 00/100

C Courtis Garrett

Jany 16th 1864
A D Smith
Bayou Bartholomew
179
about logging Bayou

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Hd Qrs Gen. Harrison's Brigade
Bayou Bartholomew, Ark. May 16th 1864

Capt. H. C. Stark
A. A. G. 7th Division 13th Army Corps

Captain,

I have the honor to report for the information of the General Commanding the Division that on the morning of the 13th inst. my command broke camp at Pine Bluff, Ark. and moved in a southeasterly direction on the road leading to Monticello, Ark. Marched about 12 miles and encamped for the night. On the morning of the 14th inst. resumed the march and marched about 15 miles and encamped for the night. On the morning of the 15th inst. resumed the march and marched about 15 miles and encamped on the Bayou Bartholomew.

Respectfully
Your obt. Servt

Clarksville 21st Feby 1864

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W. D. Smith

Acknowledging receipt
of letter from Col Lo A B.
. Parsons

Recd. 24th Feby 1864

Marksville July 21. 1864

Col. W. A. Bradwell

Dr Sir

Your very kind letter
was received, and I thank you for your
prompt attention. I would have helped
me very much to have gotten the permission
to ship the Cotton.

I trust Col. You may enjoy good health
and reap the reward of Public gratitude which
I know you so much deserve. In these
times we men know if they may err must
again, And if such should be our fate,
as it probably may, allow me to express
in the best terms I am able my gratitude for
your kind indulgence to me. And
also Col, permit me to convey to you
my high estem of your dauntless
patriotism, of your noble devotion to your Country
My family desire me to thank you for your
remembrance of them.

Allow me the pleasure of sometimes hearing
from you, for believe me no one can appreciate
more pleasure than I do, to know that you
are well & happy. Your friend W. D. Smith

Chicot Co Ark 1739

19th Feby 1864-

A. D. Smith

Mr Garrett return- all teams paid off- except one- Supplies can still be purchased transportation the only difficulty- Refers to Lt Maj Robinson- sundries Vouchers for C.C. Stewart- denies the money to be forwarded to Richmond- Requisition 300- to be forwarded to him- his horse in Govt Stable-

Capt Block

Rec'd 24th Feby 1864.

Chicot County, Arkansas.
Feby. 15th 1864

Capt. W. E. Black A. A. G.
Cotton Bureau
Transport Lee

Captain

Mr Garrett returned to this County a few days since and has paid off all the hands with the exception of three hands of whom and one woman for which he received no money - these belong to a Mr Hitchener. He also neglected to collect the pay for one of that died on the way and the name of which died on return trip - these were the property of Mrs Evans on Bayou Bartholomew and were impressed property. The reason he did not collect the debts of the one going out was that he did not think the Govt would pay for it -

There is yet a good deal of Cotton on the river at different points - but the trouble is transportation - the swamp is becoming impassable

In accordance with Col. Broadwell's order

I presented to Maj. D. D. Robinson for duty, and have
even been with him for near three weeks. He
was acting for the Cotton Bureau, and inst
ructed to purchase Bagging &c. I thought it advis-
able not to insist until I could get proper transpor-
tation but report immediately to him. and when or-
ders the means the Riches of that State in the
County could be sent out under his orders
which would facilitate its movements in the
mean time I would be at work elsewhere

I will send the vouchers of Mr C. C. Grant
of whom I purchased Bagging, Rope, &c from
him. he wishes me to have the money or a
check for it sent to Richmond to Genl
R. E. Lee for his mother. Will you be
pleased to give it your Especial attention
I will forward you in a few days
vouchers of Mr Kinlock of whom I also
purchased a lot of Bagging - the money
for which you will send to the care of
Mrs Lycurgus Johnson - Mr Kinlock is
in Memphis - but will be down soon
I would have seen in Shreveport about the
law suit but had no means of

transportation - my horse being entirely too lame to move - I started as soon as I could but I can give as much attention as ever to your orders for bagging &c in the counties in which we are operating.

I am Captain very Respy
Your Obdt Servt
A. D. Smith
Capt &c

P. S.

You will confer a great favor Capt. by sending me by a three hundred dollars. I have no means of Communicating with any degree of certainty with my wife - Mr Dawson - who holds all my funds - I will make all right on my return to the army - Be pleased to look after my horse left in the U. S. Stable in charge of Lt. J. H. Simms - I would like to have him out here - and should Mr Dawson send for him you will please send him immediately -

Respy &c
A. D. Smith

Sucatto A/12.60
2nd March 1814.

A D Smith

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In regard to iron two asks to be instructed in regard to the advanced price.

Cotton Office Ellicot Co Ala
March 2nd 1864

Captain.

Mr Garrett tells me on his return to this County - that You would not wagon out here if You thought that Iron tie. Rope could be bought - & never of at least two waggon loads of Iron ties near the Bayou Macon - and a good deal on the River which could no doubt be got out - Parties here have paid the price of the iron, & are not to $1.00 more for it, & willing to pay so much if so write me immediately and I will try to send You & what I can and also to Canden - from which point You can transport it - & think I can get transportation from the Macon to Camden with out much trouble - as we have a train of waggons coming from Ashley County to the Macon - which could take anything of the kind out to Harrisburg - from which place it can be sent to the Main Collins Bay on the Ouachita and from thence by boat to Camden The only thing that stops me in the purchase of one or two lots of ties is the price - Let me hear from you -

Very Respectfully Yr Obt Svt
A. D. Smith
Capt & A.Q.M.

Capt W.C. Black
A.Q.M. Cotton Bureau
Shreveport La

Rec'd Feb 6th 1864
Capt A D Smith
187 Cotton agency
Choctaw Country

Asking for the services
of Lt Colo B. A. Smith
Genl & Com from the
Dept Commander

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Cotton Office Chicot County Ark
March 6th 1864

Col.

I hope that you will not feel annoyed by my calling upon you to give me a little personal attention and assistance - when you are surrounded with so much public work - and have so much of greater importance to claim your time. What I want is that you will have me assigned to duty by the Ast Sec Treasury Department as an Officer in C.S. Service - I wish this as a security to myself in case you should be called from this dept

I would like as a matter of course to remain under your orders - and to go to what ever department you may go to -

If it is necessary to give bond - I will do so - to any amount required -

I am willing to work for the Govt in any way that they might will allow -

I ask for a commission as it will be of service to me in the transaction of business, and will also give me a better opportunity to look out for myself - for come what change may - in our dept, I can there claim services of Asst Qrs - By attending to this for me Col C; you will bind me under lasting obligations - I hear you have from my Father lately - Please write me by return of Maj Robinson - Lt Col A.A. Broadwell Chief Cotton Bureau Shreveport La

Respy Your Obt Svt
R. D. Smith

Hamburg Ark. Dec 1864

8th February 1865

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A. D. Smith.

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Acknowledges receipt of order 23d Dec. Reports to Maj Robinson Difficulty of obtaining transportation to take out Bagging Rope & Ties from Chicot Co. Ark. Explains the causes of delay - desertion of negro teamsters - crossing of arms other purchases of Bagging Rope & ties - Condition of Levee - Maj Burtins operations in Cotton - asks for information relative thereto - Maj Robinsons order for all private parties to register their Cotton - Speculation under the Chicester Contract - Maj Robinsons prohibition - Introduction of goods from Memphis - Applications for Contracts by parties in Memphis - Drennon's operations under authority of Maj Eatonne Post Quartermaster at Camden - turned over no goods to the Govt. wants money for transportation of labor Govt Cotton burned &c &c

Well! I am sad [illegible] Hall a package of papers of mine among which is a statement of things received and paid out by me while at Red River Landing — I wish you would send to Capt Black a statement of the charging, keeping, & purchase of the One of the Boats & Engine, (now under the Enemy's hands) to Gen Taylor & that the account may be kept up to the time of the Enemy getting possession of it — I am sorry for the other Boats & Steam engines, but I had already done all I could for them, & am at home & have not got this Baggage to it Could not send for a Boat for them, after the Enemy got Down & [illegible] them —

I wish to God I was with you & my Brothers Officers & Men & had a Boat, much as I am not Communicate with the Army & Navy with any certainty, it Cannot be [illegible] I had to [illegible] in a house [illegible] in the [illegible] Country, [illegible] a Sentinel upon the Levee day & night & to run on the Middle Line of the Levee — My Expenses are on a par — absolute Necessaries — and [illegible] Boat & Engine to pay for [illegible] for the Men — & Men are [illegible] in Camp [illegible] Steamboat —

Hamburg, Ark. Sept 8th 1864

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your order of the 23d inst. and in accordance with it have reported to Maj. Robinson -

I have sent out to Arkadelphia County all the Boys I could and did that I could by transportation for which I had the greatest trouble in getting it that I did -

I am sorry sir to tell that you that I have been very slow in this matter - and for the time I have been at it you have every reason to say so. But when you take the facts for I did not I could not well do otherwise. When I came to this County. I went to work to have transportation - I succeeded in procuring from a little waggon which ~~was~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~Boys~~ ~~I~~ but just as I was ready to set out I found some of my teams were sent by the agents of the Quartermaster of which I got them to go to Camden with the Boys. I was ready to start Maj. Robinson came on to assist in Crossing arms - Said he would not only assist all the transportation in the County and wanted me to order my waggons to stay on until further orders. At the same time telling me that I had better move

all my Stores across the Swamp, and when he had
succeeded in getting out the arms he wrote to be able
to give me assistance in transporting them. I
purchased one of the men's lots of Bacon, some
Rope & a pair of Oxen and moved them to the Bartholomew
— by the 12th day the Swamp became impassable
for waggons and it was the 14th or 15th ere before I
could get out. Wm Daniel & the Bartholomew
Joined that Col. Harrison had sent the waggon
I was led to believe I could get home. He had sent
himself homeward to send out two waggons one sent to
take out all of my Stores. Some of the Bacon
was a little wet having been exposed to the rain on
one or two occasions which we could not help
for it. & that had that which had been wet on
former occasions opened and dried - and instead
Carried to open that which was still wet to put
the air - care got to it. Some wasting
Bagging and Iron ties in the Swamp & I am sure it
could not, if we'll try and do so - In & round the
Bales are it. Have an Repacking Short Cotton
which is in a very bad condition

Maj. Robinson wishes to know how he is
to act pledged to Maj. Burton respecting Cotton
If Maj. Burton is to take one Cotton gins
and when he wishes - if more is obtained for Maj.
Robinson to know how to act in many instances since

the Parties operating under him (Burton) are Contractors and purchase most of the Cotton they use

And Even if the Cotton was all that is use it would be hard for us to keep account of it unless obtain it in Possession. So it intimated it is not that the Cotton should pass through Maj. Robinsons hands — He has caused an order for all Parties (private) to register their Cotton. There has been a great deal of Speculation under the Cotton Contract but little Goods have been bought in and much Cotton has gone out. There is no doubt of this — they purchase Cotton for it in Confederate Money — in the name of the Govt and sell it for Gold in Northern Banks

I know these things from parties who have been associated with them — Get of hand up they would not stop to it I know of large Lots of Cotton which has gone to the Rebels and no Goods brought out. Chalmers is still operating — for Maj Burton — Many Parties to Rufferty I thought formed and attempting to do all in his power to assist the Govt — I think he is opposed to Contractors — as I am — I think we can take the thing in our own hands and get the full value of the Cotton — allow for it at the Lot — Many Know who are operating in the Cotton Speculation the

Goods to us for the Cotton as well as to our
Contractor— I have been here long enough to
see how the things go— It is just putting
money into the pockets of a third party—
numerously, and when the Govt shall be
reap the full benefit— there two classes
titled men can be found to operate for us
if necessary— in delivering the Cotton & receiv-
ing the Goods— I have seen Memphis has already
applied to Maj. Robinson for Contracts—
which he refused to make— but promising
them Cotton for Goods when Authority on
the Bayou Macon— A Name by the
name of Diamon, has been operating for some
time under authority from Maj. Eaton as a
Lieut. Col. at Camden— I do not think he
has turned over any goods to us— Even
the Cotton within 5 miles of Camden cannot
be obtained. It is doubtful if we should
for purpose of having it taken either
land it to us— or interest the U. S. Govt at Fort
Pleasant Capt Ragland to forward the
cotton taken &c— I shall direct an officer and
to this place, to open an office and to
proceed to having the damaged cotton put
in order and properly stored. I must beg leave
to have a hand in this section of the Country

Mother I received the Hall & Jackson papers & some time since a statement of Things received & paid out by me while at the River Landing — I have sent to Capt Jack a Talmadge for Hogging Rope & articles purchased at the Landing & the Bacon I have, I think will do the Hogging for Barbee's Section — I have the account with his Corn & Fodder — The Hogging for the other Farms I should undertake on Mr Bates Farm & Mr Barbee will not already have it done — Tennessee are so at home I have got his Bargain to it Could not send you a Contract these Cultivators, Wife Thee Hogging & Bonds & Pay are to be had —

I have lost the Contract for the Hundred Dollars I had it by me & can not Communicate with Mr Evans and he may Pretty Confidently & Corn & Fodder / Two Cribs — I had to Mortgage my Home Farm in the States — having Written Home, from a Sense of the Pressing Calls and I have Sent another Power of Attorney to Mr Evans over Plow — Implements Horses &c Furniture Stock & Tools to pay for Land & Home — I Trust all will come Right — I have a Letter from Mr Evans Enclosing Receipt —

I understood that I had been appointed in charge
in what I do not know
of the Washington, but he would support me
for in preparing his papers me of the papers
was left by the in Room in his place after giving
it thus and using it in hasting with and from me
I believed to a man to do so in the Garden
of employ this I have from a man men-
ing a boat at the River the other way we was
his own and sold the servants the place that
only waited of for me or two days of the
sale of which time they could have it back
for this the old fellow was to have me back
in the service — I have a letter
of appointment present but as I left in
the for [illegible] which I am sorry please
have forwarded —

I am

Yours

[illegible]

I write to [illegible] me to come post to
[illegible] for me

P.S. Col. of Jacques and for Mr. to
us I'd would like to have him be called
to Great London, — Please forward this
letter to [illegible] address as he will
be [illegible]

Col. Smith

Hd Qrs 1765 Sa
14th May 1864

A. D. Smith

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Refusing to attend duc
his Sattion by Maj
Stone of Walkers Divis
for guds furnished in
the Fall - Winter of 63.

Mt. Lebanon La -
May 14th 1864

Col: W. A Broadwell -

Col.

I met Major
Stone the D.A.C. of Walker's Division
this morning - who informed me
that he owed my father about
150 Bales Cotton in payment of
Goods purchased for the Con.
He requested me to write you
and find out if you had any Cotton
in the district that you could
turn over to him to pay the debt -
He would like to get Cotton
that is in a locality convenient
to Dr Compère. You will confer
a favor by writing to me at the place
by Courier as I leave in a day or two for
Dr Compère - Maj Stone expects
me to send him your answer as
soon as practicable -
Very Respectfully - Archi. D Smith

Shreveport 27th May 1864

766.

P. R. Smith

Proposition to sell ordenance Stores

Cotton Bureau.
Shreveport 28th May 1864

This Proposition is accepted subject to the approval of my Chief & Dr Sturgeon, upon the presentation of the receipts of the above named officers for the articles mentioned, the Sheriff will issue the Taxes office, a certificate for the value of 100 bales of Cotton $46,284, also an exemption against the impressment of 100 bales of Cotton.

W. A. Broadwell
Lt Col

Hd Qrs. 2nd Cavy 8th Army Corps
Natchitoches
May 27th 1864

I would suggest that the proposition be accepted provided there could be delivered at Tyler, Marshall or this Point Thos. L. Rhett
Maj & Chf Ord 2nd Cavy Div

19 600 caps @ $100
6 lbs powder delivered
Capt Lee. 10 cavy
49 oz Gumm delivered
Dr Rogers -
400 lbs Powder to
be manufactured -
all. cotton Bonds by
Jenny & Lt Smith the
right to withdraw
100 Bales Cotton
on copy of my
letter. 29th June 1864
W. A. Bundwell

Colonel, Shreveport La. 27th may 1864

I propose to sell to the Govmt

196 Bls Elgo W.P. Caps 8/p Bls,	$1668.00
40 Bbls Powder 1000 lbs at 12¢	1200.00
add to mexican cost 50 p/c -	1434.00
	$4302.00
49 oz Gumm at 8-	392.00
	$4694.00

Delivering in payment 100 Bales of Cotton, this Cotton in order to get to cotas low down. I will furnish the Govmt for a certificate of its Specie value estimates as above to be $4,648.00

Respectfully

To Lt Col Bundrell
Chief of Cotton Bureau

C. D. Smith

196 Elgo caps 8/2 1668
500 lbs powder 1.20 600
4g of Gumm .8 392
2660.
1330
3990.

1864

San Antonio June 21.

Col Hutchins.

Col:

Enclosed please find bill of ordnance &c. Contracted to be delivered Lt. Tyler or Shreveport, a part of which, to wit: 196000 Cps. 49 Bx 2mm. & 100 lb powder have been delivered, as per receipts herewith enclosed, and 40000 more of the powder, is at this place in good order, but. I am sorry to say that another lot of 500 lb is not in a condetion to bear inspection, hence I hesitate to send it forward. My object in this correspondence is to request the favor, of making a little change in the Contract. I want the privilige, of delivering this 400 lb, to the ordonance officer at this place, and closing the acct. I would not ask this, but I have another Contract to deliver, to bring 10.00.000. M.t. Caps and 80 Bbls of powder, and have already contracted for the Caps. (Eleys) to be delivered to me in Mexico, at $.75 pr 1000. and I have agreed to let the Government have them, delivered at Shreveport, at 80 pr C. on Mexican Cost, pay taken on Cotton at Schedule prices, I need the permit for 100 Bls in order to meet my obligation for the ordnance already Contracted for. and if you will send me a permit, to export 125 Bls

of my own Cotton, I will deliver the balance of the powder, (4 or 5 lb, which is in fidio-dis) and close up the acct, or I will take the permit, ordered by Col. Bassinet for 100 Lb. in full payment of the goods, already delivered, and retain the powder and deliver it in my 2d Contract, My objects being to get Cotton, out to meet my engagements, and Complete my 1st Contract, as soon as possible, If none of these propositions meet your approbation, Please send me the permit, for the 100 Lb. C., and retain the Certificate of purchase, until I can, get out more powder to supply the place of the 300 lb which is not in Order— Mr. A. C. Reeds, is authorized to settle the acp on any terms upon which you and he may agree, and receipt the same in my name—

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
D. R. Smith

9 8 6

Received Shreveport La Arsenal 27th of May 1864
from Cotton Office per P. R. Smith

100 (One hundred) lbs Fine Rifle Powder
120,000 (One hundred & twenty Thousand) Muskett Caps
76000 (Seventy Six Thousand) Eleys Sporting Caps

C. W. Bailey
Capt: comdg Arsenal

1st Oct 65

Medical Purveyors Office
Shreveport La. May 27, 1864

Received in good condition from Mr. P. R. Smith.
Forty nine ounces (49) Quinine.

Henry A Rogers Asst Surg
Medical Purveyor
Chas Fisk

Hd Qrs Indians M.D.—
Shreveport 11th June 64

E. Kirby Smith.

Genl

C.S.A.

Instructions with
respect to the em=
ployment of Cotton.

Copy.

Head Quarters, Trans-Mississippi Department,

OFFICE OF THE COTTON BUREAU.

Shreveport La. 11th June 1864.

Colonel:

In giving instructions to the officers impressing Cotton, two points were especially enjoined by myself: that State property should not be interfered with, that the impressments, when necessary, should be made in a manner least liable to annoy the feelings of the people against the Govmt: and finally that they should be made to bear upon those who have hitherto contributed, either none, or a small part only of their Cotton. I feel solicitous on these two points, and in calling your attention to them, desire that your instructions shall be clear & explicit, the bona fide property of the State must not be interfered with: but Cotton shewed, under no circumstances, be allowed to pass out of escape impressment under cover of its name. Your officers should purchase if possible, or impress necessary from those who have given, neither in whole or in part their proportion of the Cotton required by the Govmt.

Do. Very Respt. Yr ob Svt.

Lt Col Signed E Kirby Smith

W. A. Broadwell General

Chief of Cotton Bureau

Shreveport 1st April
1768
P. R. Smith

Proposition to sell
Orders Stores — in exchange
for Cotton,

R. Smith. Matamoras Mexico. April 1864

To Bor Agency &c

No 192 Dr Eley's N.P. Caps. 4th size 1632. 00
" 40 Bbls. Powder - 100 lbs. 120 1200.
" 50 oz Quinine. each 48 - 2832. 00
1416 00
42.48. 00
400 00
46 48. 00

I would respectfully recommend that these articles be sent about as they are much needed!

Thos G Chester
Major 9th Regt Ohio Vols

2832.
1416.
400
4648

15-0

Shreveport. La. April 18th 1864

1769

Dr S. A. Smith

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Expressing an opinion as to the best manner of solving the difficulties surrounding the Texas Cotton Office

Title

Brenham La April 1st 1862

Dear Sir

Your favor of 29th March asking me to express an opinion as to the best method of resisting the difficulties encountered by the Cotton office in Texas in procuring necessary supply of cotton and accompanying papers was handed me by the General

I have read the papers and am ready to give the subject due consideration

After reading the whole of them it appears to me that the plans of procuring cotton & being assumed that premises by the means of Confederate notes is one of the principal Viz: 1st To impress the Cotton 2nd to offer inducements to the planters and to pay for the same by the Government of Texas 3d to combine with the Government and offer the same inducements to the planters

The first part of just appears would seem to be the simplest method but in the state of the public mind as reported by the authority & to be found there the first would resist the Sec'y and in fact be impossible for Texas troops in the

Resolved Lewis inst vide ante Resolve
as to the two others contemplating
Satisfaction to the Planter for Cotton
affair in Texas after hearing the remarks
of Gen Bryan Griffin resolve to re
turn findings of their merits

In Conclusion I am clear
decidedly of opinion that events in Country
is somewhat serious & in the Interior
I do Confidence advise plan which
would address itself to the interests of
the owner of the Cotton in most likely to
be productive to the Govt

It must be recollected that there
is no law prohibiting in this Dept
which prevents the Citizen from exporting
Cotton to Mexico and that the only
means of Carrying it to Coast is the
employment of Transportation

To interfere the transportation of
the State Govt would give rise to a
conflict of authority in which the
interests of the people would impel them
to support that of the State

Such a conflict in the present
posture of affairs would be in the last
degree unfortunate and might entail
by paralyze our military force

In fact an important matter
I would dislike to step on Spirit

which would Perionly determine the Course of that responsible point as you have desired it I must say that I Respectfully Ends & he must on the same terms as that of the State of Texas offered by its Governor and the Officers authority & to be attained to me when the Terms of the Transaction may satisfy the Texan Province that a Steam Boat upon it will to my mind as better than any sum of money in purchase or improvements

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
R E Lee
Bvt Brig Genl Topogl
& Spl Texan Mission

H Col Broadnell

Aubtn 177 Oct 9th 1862

Exr. P. Memmah,

to

Eml E K Smith.

2303

Recommending an advance in prices by this house for Cotton purchased of Plantors,

Rule

Executive Department
Austin 10th August 1864

Genl
E Kirby Smith

Sir

I desire again to call
your attention to the subject of a more
liberal & just compensation to the holders
of cotton for the half which the
Government desires to purchase - Since
the publication of my proclamation
or rather address to the people on this
subject - I am receiving letters from
planters stating that they are willing to
part with one half of the cotton to the Government
- but complain bitterly & I think justly of the
compensation offered & an effort to enforce
the offer by a threat of impressment -
Quarter General at once the compen-
sation & all will go on well - The
people are all aroused now and
now is the time to act & to act with
promptness - There is neither justice
law or sound policy in taking
from the producer of cotton one
half of his crops, without
something like fair compensation

My great anxiety to see you
succeed & succeed fully & such
satisfaction to the Country in
supplying your armies through the
medium of cotton induces me
to urge this subject again on
your attention - Allow me

to say that the regulations for the Overland trade to Mexico announced by the Papers & now finding their way into the newspapers of the State suggests the necessity as well as propriety of the attempt of a more liberal policy towards the cotton producer

I have called this subject to the attention of the Commissioner of the State under the impression I can & I understand from him that he favors my views

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
(Signed) P Brownlow

(A true Copy
Jas McBryan
A.A.G

Campte. 2a [illegible] July 1864

Jno S. Smith

421.

Referring to the cotton sold to the Govmt: 20 bales of which were stolen — Does not believe it was taken by the Enemy.

Camplete Natchetoches Parish La
1st July 1864

Col W. A. Broadwell Chief of Cotton
Bureau Dear Sir
Some time in the year 1862
I Sold to the confederate Government
through its agent a few bales
208 Bales of Cotton a Part of
Which it was five miles from
this place in the woods a Shelter
over it & a few Rails it &
in time of the Federals Rode to Camp
& 20 Bales of it was Stolen
by Some one I know personally to
me — I do not Beleave the
yankeys took it what can I
do about it please let me
heare from you on this
Subject — you obt Servt
Jolin N. Smith

Natchd July 26th 64

22 Sept 1864
Gustin Elk & Smith

2309

Giving information that he has authorized Capt Barrett & Capt Berg to exempt the Same Quantity of Cotton sold them in their contracts,

Answered 12 Oct
Filed

1126.

Head Quarters, Dep't of Trans-Miss.
Shreveport. Sept. 22nd 1864.

Col. H. A. Broadwell,
A.C. Ex. Bureau,
Colonel.

When I issued General Order No. 34, it was my understanding, that whenever parties in Texas sold voluntarily to the Gov't. One half of their Cotton, that the remainder should be exempt from impressment and a permit given to the Vendor to Export the same. I see from your printed circular of the 1st inst. at San Antonio you say; "Parties who sell to Capts. Barret and Berge acquire no right or privilege to export." This was not my understanding, when those gentlemen's names were designated as officers to purchase or impress if necessary half the Cotton in their Districts. And in view of the fact that Justice should be dealt out to all alike, I have ordered and instructed Capt's. Barret and Berge to proceed at once and acquire half the Cotton in their respective Districts, and where parties sell willingly at Schedule prices, I have instructed them to give to all such parties exemptions from impressment for one-half and a permit to export the same, reserving however, all such permits to me for approval.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
E. Kirby Smith
General Commanding

Hamburg Arkansas
13th July 1864

1773

A. D. Smith

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In relation to the operations
of Contractors - Wolden Adl
Asking information in
regard to them -

Filed

1773.

Caldwell Co

To all whom it may concern Greeting
Whereas a certain Contract
Bond and Sale was executed on the
[illegible] Col Isbell on behalf of the Inhabitants
of [illegible] and [illegible] Whereby
the Said Isbell is bound to have
a Contract with the Court for the delivery
of Grass to the number of [illegible] Cattle
out the Court Paying him [illegible] per
As this is to put an end to the Suit
of the Court in relation to these Contracts
Know ye that I Thomas Person
Clerk of the Court of Pleas & Quarter
Sessions for the County aforesaid
do hereby Certify that Charles Mc Clung
the Complainant in the Said Suit hath
by Petition & Bill and that by Claim
to have a Permission to send them in the
Interpretation of the Contract
Given under my hand & Seal of Office
Caldwell Co this [illegible] day of March
1773 and in the [illegible] year of
Our Independence

Thomas Person Clk

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1774

Capt A. L. Smith's
Camden Corps
March 14th 1774

Giving information of the
arrival of Baron de
Kalb —

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Camden Ark. March 14th 1864

Capt. W.C. Black
Chapman.

I have just arrived in Camden and for the purpose of procuring a detail of men to assist in the operations on the river. I return today by way of Monticello where I expect to get the detail, as Col Bolton has sent an order to Genl. Dagan to furnish what men we require - I am happy to state that Genl. Dagan had arrived in Hamburg (Ben Jefferson) and Indian from Maj. Brinker that Maj. Haynes' train has gone on by way of Monticello.

Maj. Brinker has just forwarded dispatches from Your Hd Qrs to Maj. Robinson - I trust that Genl. Maj. Robinson's Communications have reached you since. Your favor of the 3rd inst. I sent you a week or so since a voucher of Mr. C.C. Stewart of Chicot County, for $1932.00 which I hope has reached you will you be pleased to give your attention to forwarding the amount a a draft to Richmond as request in the letter accompanying the voucher -

Capt. Strong has gone to Shreveport he will give You all the information in regard to the business -

Very Respy Your Obdt Svt
A. D. Smith
Capt C.S.A.

March 7th 1864

Capt A. D. Smith
Chief County Clk
to
Capt Black

Cotton Office. Tehicot County Ark
March 6th 1864

Captain.

As Major Robinson goes to Shreveport in the morning and will return immediately I write to request you to send me by him 200 or $300. which I am very much in need of-

I wrote to the Col. to send me funds but not having heard from him suppose he did not receive my letter- I will repay all dues on my return-

I wrote you a day or so since that Iron ties could be purchased in this County but the price is now $1.00 If you are willing to pay this price they can be forwarded to you-

Respectfully your Ob'd Servt
A. D. Smith
Capt &c

Capt. N. C. Black
A. Q. M. Cotton Bureau
Shreveport La

March 19/64
A D Smith
Hamburg
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Abst Boggs & Buhl

file

Hamburg Aug. 15th 1806

Capt. Hillebrandt

Captain,

By the 2 days since I wrote you I have received your favor of the 12th inst. and have noted its contents. I regret much that the tape I thought had been stolen, I have not yet received it but am assured that it is on the way and that I shall receive it in a few days. Hamburg & Bremen buyers were in the Frankfort town at that time - they took much cotton buying parcels and no doubt took most of the tape for baales it was much out of them was a great confusion and cry of Jealous - Since the Rhenish coming just at that time with your tapes from Bietigheim to prevent the robbery of them - I was only getting transportation -

I trust that I have bought such an amount of tape of that quality as you will approve of and I hope that you will be satisfied with the profits on the tape I could procure (not changing the quality) -

I have much pleasure to give you the agency for the Church's little effusion - I will have some of the cards of your letter - I have sent you one Also Broadsheet - having first written them for leave to Consider to your agency - Good Evening to have started for the Country yesterday

Respectfully Your Obt. Sert.

A. Schmidt

Orange Jabl 777

22nd July 1864

Jno S. Morton

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Referring to the Condition
of the Saint Cotton at Orange
Bailing materials &c

Orange July 22nd 1864.

Capt W. G. Black

Dear Sir

Yours rec'd a few days ago with enclosure to embark on Boats in front the Depot all Cotton and Baggin on the first two Boats we loaded all off. We have at least one thousand Bales in Bulk. And it is out of our power to get Jacketing with the Cotton. The Depot in front has plenty of it but no Bagging. Consequently the loads Cotton will have to be first in Shed & Depot to have to stow it so Col Broadnax what was left to be done his reply was put the Cotton in order and Capt Jouard and Self would refer us to W. G. Black for settlement as his return we concluded after due Consideration to refer the matter back to Col Broadnax and submitted a proposition to him which if he Excepts we will just as soon proceed and remain on Depot Island if necessary to do any and every thing to put in the last two flats or days all the Cotton that can be baled and house the loose Cotton until Baling can be had. If he declines we will turn all over to Perry the Agent and will be home in ten days & take a risk of loosing what we have By Sunday in the Interpose this for the Government & good of Govt over $5 thousand Dollars and Steam Boats this time and must have some further guarantee before we shall one little ade. Know it is not possible to carry out the Contracts further than this point. I hope all may prove Satisfactory yet & the Govt of our ascending here please Keep an good lookout for the Negroes about the Bridge in

Our proposition to Col B. is to Receive the Cotton here pay us according to Contract up the R Road Depot and we will remain until all is delivered at that last two flats order which I think is nothing for you to do all we want is what I say I would in an Satisfactory

M

I have Offer'd you Body Soul & Goods together
in Cotton just this first in a Year & I do so pledge
you my Right

I will begin now to Gather & Hand
do to Day & tomorrow we will stay Home
after we shall Send Down Left we shall Have Time
to Ginn & Press Our Cotton & Prepare ourselves
to Journey, desiring you Safely & Speedily and an
Expressing your Health & ask as to your Friends

Miss Priscilla

Houston Texas 20th 1865

John Smoker 1778

1242

Telegram - Wants State at Camargo to pay duties.

Date

[illegible]

ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

RECEIVED AT Memphis Tenn Oct 26 1865

BY TELEGRAPH FROM Houston Tex Oct 23 1865

TO Lt Col Whittaker Asst Adjt Genl

Want Hall at Camargo pay duties cotton Please send Papers to go & return Answer

John Sweeney

Houston Mch 1st 1866

1779

John Smoker

1128.

"Telegram" - Requesting details of Gulf. Chowchilla and Ashang returned.

Reply referred to Maj Kelly for action with the request that he meet Gen Buford and the statutes of Lake Dworkin to select and Asham- ing agent in Providing Escort Cotton from the Counties mentioned in

Wm A Bromwell

ARKANSAS STATE TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

RECEIVED AT Lynchburg March 1 186

BY TELEGRAPH FROM Houston March 1 186

To D. Kirkland Capitol Bureau

Friend Hall Charles M.
Gillett & Shaw Trinity bridge down
Cant send answer.
John. Smather

14 ½ cl 1120

Rec a gallatin.

Beaumont 9th July 1780

Dear Smith

Announcing his arrival at
Beaumont &c a Soldier
Court Martial &c

Beaumt July 9th 1863

Capt Wm C Block
Shreveport La

On my Annual at Houston I found Capt B Perry post-master Orange who informed me of the arrival at Sabine Point of Six of our Boats, Perry brought out two of the Boats some four hundred Bales they have a great deal of trouble in the low water Capt Morse is here just used up and says he thinks with 6 of our Boats will get through, the Rail Road to Orange is not finished and the Cotton will have to come to this place for Shipment, we are going to put up our Press at Orange and get the Cotton in Shipping order there and up here for Shipment, This is the muddy place you ever saw and Orange is a good place for our press to be just up the freights on the Rail Road to Houston is only 37 dollr per Bale we intend to put it through, it will be some time before I get home I will write you more to Morrow the Steamer is gone order make the Negroes do just as you Order them, have Shaw & Gillett's Details Extended Sixty days dont forget that this or they will be Considered as Deserters, I will write you a long Annual at Orange Any letters coming for me just keep them in your desk until I come,

Yours Truly
Snodgrass

Mr Chandler will give you all the particulars

Memorandum for an order,

The preservation of the credit of the Government, the procurement of arms munitions of war & the rendering the use of Cotton a military necessity,

A Bureau for the State of Texas has been organized. under the direction and subject only to orders from the Dept Commander, & Col L. S. Ketchum Chief, It is composed of Lt Shepherd, Geo Ball and Geo Forby. B. A Shepherd, Geo Ball and W I Lyle Assistants,

The Plans proposed as the policy of the Texas Bureau, to control the Cotton of the State in such manner as shall prove most satisfactory to the people and at the same time meet the requirements of the Service, recommended by Judge Rugely. & Col Larkin Cotton Planters, are approved,

A discretionary power in making impressments is awarded and, all the assistance required by the Cotton Bureau will be furnished by the military authorities of the district,

No contract will hereafter be made upon Cotton unless approved by the Cotton Bureau,

The Cotton collected by it in Texas shall be disposed of under its direction, in the completion of Contracts and purchase of supplies,

The suggestions of ~~revision~~ may from time to time be made in regard to the ~~execution~~ of Contracts. The retrocession or cancellment of Contracts, and the agency of all officers and agents employed in the purchase & removal of Cotton to the Texas Bureau and be governed by instructions from it will be acted upon by such orders as the case may require,

Camden 23d May 1864.

1782

Thomas L. Smead

Major C

Private letter.

Camden May 23rd 1864.

My dear Broadwell,

My trip to Texas made me quite sick, and have hardly been able to be about since I got back to Camden; hence my not writing to you. I hope to get off towards the latter part of the week, for Richmond. Shall I send "Billy" down to you, or would you like for me to leave him with a farmer in this neighborhood who proposes to take care of him for you during the Summer, & to return him to you at its close in fine condition. The farmer's name is Dr Harris, & lives 12 miles this side of Magnolia, on the Telegraph Road. Billy needs grass, & unless you have some friend who can give him grazing, it might be better for you to accept Dr Harris' offer. I will carry out your wishes, as soon as I shall learn them.

I am told that some Army papers have recently been sent to Shreveport, King's Retd. Adt: Gen: of Jagen & Marmaduke on the subject of the Cotton trade on the Red: I am sorry I did not see them - Have you seen them yet? Tell Vest to Come along.

Give my kindest regards to Capt Black & family, & believe me to be Yr sincere

Yr faithful & grateful friend

Thomas L. Reed

Little Rock 8 3br Aug 13

Thos. L. McKenney

Private Letter

Little Rock Aug 31. 1863

My dear Brodwell.

I do want to see you very much, and if the enemy will let us I shall start towards Shreveport within the next ten days, as I am anxious to be there in the 18th to take care some valuable property of my father in law Mr Carter, which is the fee at that day. Nothing but the fact that I am ashamed to go to the rear when the enemy is so close prevents me from going there at once. You cannot conceive how glad I would be to go to Mexico with you, and if you'll get Gen Smith's permission I'll accompany you there in any capacity, after the impending battle is over. I am unwilling to serve as Asst. of a Division any longer. I have done my duty in that Dept. long enough to have either one of the office places, or some active post that would be duty. I could not be idle, I could not be living as I can do any service, but I do feel like making a change for the winter. Paul is very well all the time. He has been with Maj. Reid Polk has been in several times. Saddle & bridle, & rides the little spotted fellow. She is as fat & as gaily as he can be. He is pretty well known to the Missionaries, who call

the with March as "the man who rides the Calvi dead." Dodeken at Helena.

I am afraid you will have left before this informally elegant mail coast will take this letter to Connecticut. I am to run to telegraph.

Our army is an splendid condition & will whip the Feds of the day dark and against in at least 20000 thing. I fear not a monumental and rent. With the kindest remembrances to Cals Anderson, Clarton, Brag, Blanchard I am my dear Mrs Mill Yrs Truly Jno. Pierce Brent Thomas Lockard

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Jefferson

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In regard to contract to transport 500 hhds. tobacco to [illegible]

Jeffersonton Dec 1st 1863

Capt W. C. Black
Shreveport
La

Dear Sir

Enclosed herewith you will find a letter addressed to Col Broadwell merely giving a historical account of our train also sending copy of contract which is about what you suggested. Capt Birge also addresses Col Broadwell on the same subject which he will forward this your office by this Mail. I am sorry to give you trouble but it is a matter of importance to us I would be glad to get the contract of which I spoke when down at your place. for taking 5,000 Bales down the Sabine. I can get a number one man to assist me he is an Experienced Boat Builder an Energetic man has hands tools &c and I have no doubt of our being able to do the job well & Speedily. as Soon as you can determine the matter please drop me a line. My Regards to Smoker Bell & family

Respectfully
Your
John Speake

Jefferson 7 & 5 Dec. 1814

Jno. Speak.

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Referring to the
settlement of this
claim

Jefferson Texas 2d/84

Col W. A. Broadnax

Chief of Office Bur

Shreveport

La Sir

I Enclose

you the paper which I intended

Bringing down long Since

but have been prevented all the

time this paper acknowledges a

full Settlement of our affairs

with or claim against the Govt

I did not understand it as

excluding our affairs with

May Hart & asked you after

Signing the paper if we could

not go on May Hart for Reports

which I understood you to

agree to the paper accordingly

to you at San Antonio

Which is just how Mosaic
Shows our loss to be over
thirteen thousand dollars
independent of the Horse
Matter the fact is that
We have furnished the Govt
with 300 B/C besides transpotation
for which we were entitled
under our Contract with
a Govmt Agent to Export
Ten B/C and for which
We have been Nothing
unless you construe our
Settlement at San Antonio
to Estop our claim Agst
Maj Hart If So I cause
No will make no further
unless I by your consent
— I Expect to leave Morshue
for San Antonio on
Monday Night & If I can
Serve you I will do So

Write Please

Respectfully

Yours

John Speck

Jefferson 1st Feb 1786

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Jno Speak.

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Introducing Mr

C. C. Alexander

Jefferson July 1st 1864

Capt W. G. Black

Dear

This will be handed you by Mr Edward Alexander who comes on business with the Cotton Bureau, you ~~will~~ will doubtless know Mr Alexander well by reputation if not personally. he is regarded in our country as one of the most reliable and Energetic Merchants in the State & any thing he may undertake will be carried through. hoping you may look favorably on his proposition and do him all the good you can

I am

Your friend

John Speake

New Hope Head Quarters
13th Aug. 1864.

L. P. Speaker.

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Enclosing copy of his
Authority to ship Cotton
to the Ship River to pay
for Supplies.

XX Copy Hd Quarters Memphis Aug 9 1864

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L R Sypher is hereby authorized by virtue of the authority granted him by Gov Allen, Genl Smith and myself to give permits to his different agents, to go into towns for the purpose of carrying Cotton for Army Stores, Medicines &c. also to guard the Federal Trains, bringing out Paid Stores & Medicines against Molestation from the Confederate forces, to the Point of Exchange and returning thereform

Signed S T Hamilton
Col Comdg
Sub Dist

Hdqrs
Near Rustrop La
Oct 13th 1864

Col W H Chadwick
Sir

I found upon also a Copy of the authority in my hands to send in Cotton to the Miss River, to pay for Army Stores if I should ever get any out. No Cotton has been sent to the River under my authority — a Copy of the also was sent to the Cotton Bureau and another sent to Gen Slocum and another sent in the hands of Mr Blue R

I did not see the order to report until a few days since

Capt L R Sypher

J. H. Smith 1788

Lake Village
Sept 10th 1864

Major Jas F. Robinson
Asst.

In pursuance of your order of May 4th 1864 I proceeded to Gaines Landing in this County (Chicot) and there seized several lots of Cotton which was moving in the direction of the River - I attempted to hold the same, subject to your order. but owing to the thieving propensities of some of my men I was unable to do this which fact I reported to you and received orders on May 9th 1864 to burn all Cotton which I was unable to guard - On receipt of this order I burned (6) six Bales 3 miles below the Plank Road ferry on Bayou Macon. This Cotton belonged to the Englishman (Mathews) who I arrested and sent to you for threats made by him - I also burned six (6) bales 2 Miles from the Walker Plantation on the Cain where I had it hauled for safe keeping - This Cotton was reported to me as Cotton belonging to Mr Hightower and two Widow ladies of Chicot County This is all the Cotton burned by me or by my order - The other Cotton I had seized to be Cotton belonging to the Helton Contract - Mr Montgomery an Agent of Mr Helton came forward and proved it to be Helton Cotton - therefore I released it. The two Bales sold by my men belonged to Mr Mathews (the Englishman) I returned twelve Bales to Mr Montgomery which with what I burned is all the Cotton I seized. While in the vicinity of Gaines Landing

I have the honor to be Major
Very Respectfully &c
John F. Harris
Capt & acting Asst Adjutant General.

A true Copy from
the original
Jas. F. Robinson
Major &c

1784 / Benjamin Bond

Lake Village Sept 10 1864

Major Jas F Robinson

Sir,

I have the honor to state that the money One Hundred & Sixty Dollars ($160.00) in gold which I turned over to you was all the money I was able to get from my men who sold the two Bales of Cotton. They stated that they had spent the other forty (40) for whiskey tobacco, clothing and various little articles and as they were soldiers I was unable to get any property belonging to them to make up the deficit

I am Major
Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
John F Spring
Capt & Agent for Clothing Bureau.

A true Copy from
the original
Jas. F. Robinson, Major
&c &c

April 23d 1864

Rec'd of Spring Capt
acting for Clothing Bureau

Receipt for Eight
bales Cotton Shipped
on the Lands of
R I Island —

September, [illegible] 1860.

April 27th 1864

I have this day Shipd
eight Bales of cotton in charge
of Mr R J Stroud on Boyou
Macon, according to order
from Maj J S Robinson
acting Asst Cotton Bureau

2d Spring
Contract for Clothing
Friday. 28. Bureau

Boundaries
Cotton Bureau

J R S Spring 1791

Bayou Macon Chicot Co Ark
March 24th 1864

Maj H. A. Haynes

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that information reach. Maj Robinson two days ago that Col Witt Cond 2nd Dickeys Brig. had stoped his wagons hauling cotton through the Swamp and said he would cut down the wagons, Burn the Cotton, and burn the cotton. Maj Gen Robinson ordered me to see Col Witt and show the Col his (Maj Robinsons) instructions from Lt Col Broadwell and Your self, which I did, After reading the instructions Col Witt remarked to me, that nothing would afford him more pleasure than to be relieved from duty for burning Cotton on just such papers as the ones I had just shown him. he also informed me that he would burn all cotton, destroy all wagons & teams transporting Cotton to the Enemy, for our Govt did not approve of the trade and that no Genl had a right to give such authority. This may not be his Exact language, but it is the substance of what he said

I have the honor to be Maj
Very Respectfully your Obt Servt
John D. Lyning
Capt 1st "C" 17th Ark Mounted
Dismounted Duty Cotton Bureau

Lt
Maj H. A. Haynes
Chief Cotton Bureau
Shreveport
La

Dockey's 1792 Brigade
9th March 1864

Geo. W. C. Shaw
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Asking employment.

Dockery's Brigade
Monticello Ark March 9 1864

Col W.A. Bradley C.S.A
Chief Collector Bureau
Shreveport La

Sir, -

I have the honor of asking an appointment in your department -
There will be an organization in our Brigade per
this and many simple officers who will necessarily
be turned out - and I am anxious to be employed;
I am at present acting in the Department where you are and
shipping - Sugar out to Richmond Va; and flatter-
my self that I can of some assistance to you -
I have the Confederate States Subscription list for -
Several Eighteen hundred (1800) Bales Cotton subscribed
in Ashley and Chicot Counties this State -
I will engage to secure this Cotton and have it hauled
to the River and transfer the same into Govt
possession for the Army -

If this meets your favorable consideration of my appointment
I will make myself responsible at any point you may
think proper to send me

I am Col
Very Respectfully Your
Obt Svt
Geo H.C. Swan
Capt & A.D.C.

Houston 1793 Oct 1st Dec 1st
James Foxley -

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In regard to Enoch Magruders Cotton
Orders

Houston Sunday night
December 27th 1863

Lt. Col. H. A. Broadwell
Chief of Staff

Dear Sir — Genl Magruder arrived in town last night on his way to Galveston with the gas tomorrow morning — I had a full & free conversation with him & his views coincide on the subject of the Cotton order, & his recent orders re. this evening Lt. Col Hutchins called on him with me, for a few moments, & the result is satisfactory. He now assumes all responsibility for Genl Smith's order, and has assumed the duties of Chief of Staff & Inspector General of this District, vice Major Lubbock ordered to Richmond. He did not state the extent of the powers wanted, nor does he object to them — reminded him that the officers were organized in front to retain their rank & that while we desired to cooperate with him, we must not surrender us in the hands by such orders — He expressed his assurance of his intention to equip the unarmed men in the rear, that he relied mainly on us to arm and equip his army &c — and requested me to instruct Col Lane tomorrow to issue

an order in substance as follows

"The organization of the Texas Cattle Office
"having been completed during your absence in the
"field, and you having been informed as to the
"details of its operations, some orders of a general
"character, issued from Trans Staff Head Quarters, may
"have appeared to conflict with its functions -
"In order to avoid the recurrence of conflict
"with its duties and operations, all officers and
"agents of the Government in this District are
"hereby ordered to perform all requisitions issued
"by the Texas Cattle Office -"

It required a good deal of discussion to reach this result, especially in relation to the exemption, negroes & teams, engaged in hauling Government cotton - as it is all in motion & I hope will continue so - I am satisfied the General means rightly, & that to recall of the Circular must prevent any apparent conflict may from time to time be reported by Judicial interference - I write you this early to suggest the propriety of holding the order in case of doubt, in the of which you sent a note - as the objects is accomplished & it would now only hurt the feelings - I feel much

encouraged at the responses we get from the
plantation & Farmers and see a field of usefulness
opening up that would cause me to regret
any sudden dissolution of our organization
Wishing you and Mr Bryan & Mayor
& Chairman the compliments of the season
and many returns
Very Respectfully Your
Obt Servt

Sept 17th 1863

James Gorley

Hamilton

Deputy Agt

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His views in regard to the currency - & the Cotton interests of this Dept

Paris, Texas Sept. 2nd 1863

Lt. Col. H. J. Broadwell
Chief Cotton Bureau
Shreveport

Dear Sir - I am in receipt of your letter of 21st ult. and note your various enquiries, which I will endeavour to answer -

The amount of public funds in my hands in round figures is four & a half millions dollars, the greater part of which was received for bonds, and I have advice of a draft from the Treasury on me, for One million Dollars, which has not yet been presented -

To your second enquiry concerning the further withdrawal of circulation, by the extension of the time for funding, or the issue of War Warrants on the Treasury, I reply - That the total amount funded at my office is Five Millions, & I presume from one to two millions more have been funded at the depositaries recently established - This is a small amount in proportion to the total amount of funds disbursed in Texas, but I estimate, that about Twenty millions of the funds paid out, were in notes bearing interest at 2c per day T.D. Notes and these notes now enter but little into circulation - Money is undoubtedly somewhat scarce in this region, yet from the short notice given in Texas, before the time for funding expired, I have no doubt many would still avail themselves of the privilege if the opportunity were afforded - both the

the plans upon which proposals were invited. The provisions of law, however, having fixed the 1st August as the last day for funding the old issue in 7 p/c bonds, and no law having been passed authorizing the issue of Star warrants such as you propose (I assume that no body in this region wants to fund in 6 p/c bonds, which they can now do) —

If however Genl Smith should assume the responsibility of proposing the funding of the old currency, the only plan open to him, is the issue of the Star Warrants, as no depositary would be authorized on his requisition, to issue certificates of deposit for 7 p/c bonds in the name of the Treasury Depart.

In answer to your enquiry about the collection of this Stamp I remark that provision is made in the laws for its collection The tax in money is collected as before, through the Treasury Depart Mr Geo. Dunham of Austin is the chief collector for this state. The tax in kind is collected by the Q. M. Depart, & the appointments in Texas have been made by Maj Larkin Smith —

The most important proposition in your letter, viz. how the wants of the service can be met, and at the same time the circulation reduced, rather than increased, I have been considering some months, but am unable to suggest any solution — The tax in kind will I think cause the issue of twice its actual value in currency, & I have tried to compute whether the surplus that can

be

Has plans upon just those same principles without the same tax of law, taxpayers having fixed the 1st August as the last day for funding the old issue in 5's bonds and no law having been passed authorizing the issue of Star warrants such as upon just those principles that no body in this region wants to fund in 4's bonds, which they can now do) —

If Treasurer Genl Smith should assume the responsibility of refunding the funding of the old currency, the only future open to him, is the issue of the Star Warrants, as no Depositary would be authorized on his requisition, to issue certificates of deposit for 5's bonds in the name of the Treasury Depart.

In answer to your enquiry about the collection of the Warrants I remark that provision is made in the laws for its collection The tax in no way is collected as before, through the Treasury Depart. Mr Geo. Gouhans of Austin is the chief collector for this state. The tax in kind is collected by the P. M. Depart. & the appointments in Texas have been made by Maj Larkin Smith —

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he told would realize enough to meet the
requirements of the service, I do not think it
will, indeed it will in all probability realize
but little money -

The drift of your enquiry is directed
to discover if possible, some mode of checking
depreciation - I confess I can see no remedy
beyond the collection of the Revenue, and the
funding in 6% bonds that will commence in
a few months - Depreciation exists throughout
the Confederacy, and in none of the states east
of the Mississippi, is greater than on this side -
no adequate remedy has been found except
increase of taxation, which Congress so far, seems
disinclined to impose -

I presume from the heading of your letter
that you have accepted the office of Chief of the
Cotton Bureau - Do you intend to fix your head
quarters in Houston, or will you visit Houston
before organizing your Bureau? Commencing
operations? I have long before Genl Magruder
a plan of operation, by which I can satisfy
the impressment of cotton from the planters
can be entirely obviated - I express himself
as much pleased with the plan, & told all to
whom I have stated it - If you desire it I will
submit it to you or to Genl Smith in writing -

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Lewis Pelouze
Secretary
Treasury Department
Richmond Va

Lt Col St A Broadwell
Strasburg

30th April 1794. 1793

Stand Natie.

In the Cherokee

nation.

Asking for Cotton to be

exported to purchase

Cotton Cards &c for the

Indean Nation.

Davenport May 13th

Colo Broadwell will make such arrangements with his Master as will enable him to provide for the wants of the Cherokees, and at the same time secure the Government from loss. He can either turn over to Mr Martin the Agent for the Cherokees the Cotton ordered for or he can arrange them upon the Cotton Office at Natchez

to take charge of & sell in Mexico an amount of Cotton sufficient to relieve the wants of the Cherokees and the paid by Mr Martin for the expenses incurred by the Government

E. Kirby Smith
Lt

Shreveport La 14th May 1864

Genl

In returning the Communication of "Star Rate" - I have proposed to furnish the Cotton here - but in view of the distance he would have to come for it - I respy recommend that a proper person, be authorized to apply a portion of the money appropriated by Congress to the purchase or impressment of Cotton & transportation - in the Nation - on high up on Red River - Note donations to be delivered to maj J.B. Lee at Eagle Pass - & not as suggested in my endorsement,

Very Respy
Yr ob Svt
J W. A. Broadwell
Lt Col

To Brig Genl
W. R Boggs.

Hd Qrs Trans Dept 2d Div
Shreveport May 14th 1864

Resp. rspctfly to Lt Col W. A. Broadwell
Chief of Cotton Bureau -

I send herewith
Mr. Wm. King Smith
W. A. Broadwell
Agt. Trans. Dept. Texas

Cotton Bureau -
Shreveport 14th May 1864

Resp. returned -
The communication
represents that he
has no cotton &
cannot purchase
it with Confederate
money - I
therefore
transfer

mentioned if ordered
to do so by the Gen'l
Comdg - Spirituous
might be moved
by the quartermaster
both transportation
from the nation
to Eagle Pass
and other depots
to the agents of
the C.S. Texas States
who will be in-
structed to exchange
it for such articles
as are enumerated
by the quartermaster -
The Cotton should
be bought & exported
as Trans Mississippi cotton
& exchanged by
the com'y agents
for the benefit
of the Indians
W. A. Broadwell
Lt Col

Endorsed

Head Quarters 1st Ind Brigade
Dist Ark & Tenn.
Camp Watie C.N. April 30. 1864

General.

The bearer of this letter Lt. L. Martin Commissary for the Cherokee Nation, and Captain Leasman, comes to you for the purpose of obtaining Cotton, to purchase cotton cards &c. for the destitute of my people whose situation is such, that unless they are supplied with the material and means for the manufacture of clothing, the coming winter will be one of extreme suffering and hardship to them. It being impossible to purchase with confederate money these articles I appeal to you, as the head of the department for aid in this. If the Confederate authorities will supply the Cherokee Nation forty thousand pounds of lint cotton (reserving the tax in cost out of the one hundred thousand dollars appropriated by the Confederate Congress for the use and benefit of the Cherokee Nation) with permission to haul it to the Mexican frontier, where it could be exchanged for cards &c. the suffering of the Cherokee people could in a great measure be relieved.

There is establishments among the Cherokees, a short time for the manufacture of cotton & woolens, but without cards and cotton to work with it will be of little benefit to them.

If this Plan should meet with your approbation arrangements for the delivery of the Cattle can be made with Commissioner Hearne who is fully authorized in this matter, or Mr Lucien Dubuc post agent at the Cherokee Nation.

I have to honor to be Sir
Your obt Servant
Stan'd Watie

Principal Chief Cherokee Nation

Recieved if agreed to do by the Cherokee Council - & immediate arrangements by me for transportation from the nation to the Post-office at Fort Gibson

Fort Gibson C.N. 30th Sept 1863

to the agent of the United States who is authorized to receive them as are enumerated in the treaty - & the Cattle shall be delivered by Indians & exclusively as Indian Cattle & at the expense of the Indians

Stan'd Watie
Principal Chief Cherokee Nation

Application
for U.S. Steamer
to obtain transportation
his remains
with endorsement of
Lt Col W. A.B.

[illegible] subsistence funds as the only
getting the requisite transportation

W. A. Broadwell
Lt Colonel A.G.D.

Jefferson. Texas 18th July 46

Lt Col. W. A. Broadwell

Sir —

After the Surrender of New Orleans nearly one Year ago — My Steam Boat the Texas & her Crew were Employed by Maj Gen. Jackson and kept running under full pressure for nearly nine days — for which I have never been paid any Compensation whatever. Maj Dawson gave me a Statement that he had proved the Boat for 9 days and that I was entitled to pay — he was acting Commissary under Genl Brannyards orders — and regarded as a regular officer — but I cannot get the Gen. master of this Country to pay the Bill — Can you offer me a Suggestion as to how the money can be got — I suppose it is the wish of the Govmt to pay me a fair Compensation — for the Service — my actual expenses were over Eighteen Hundred Dollars — Govt Reply

Capt. J. Steele

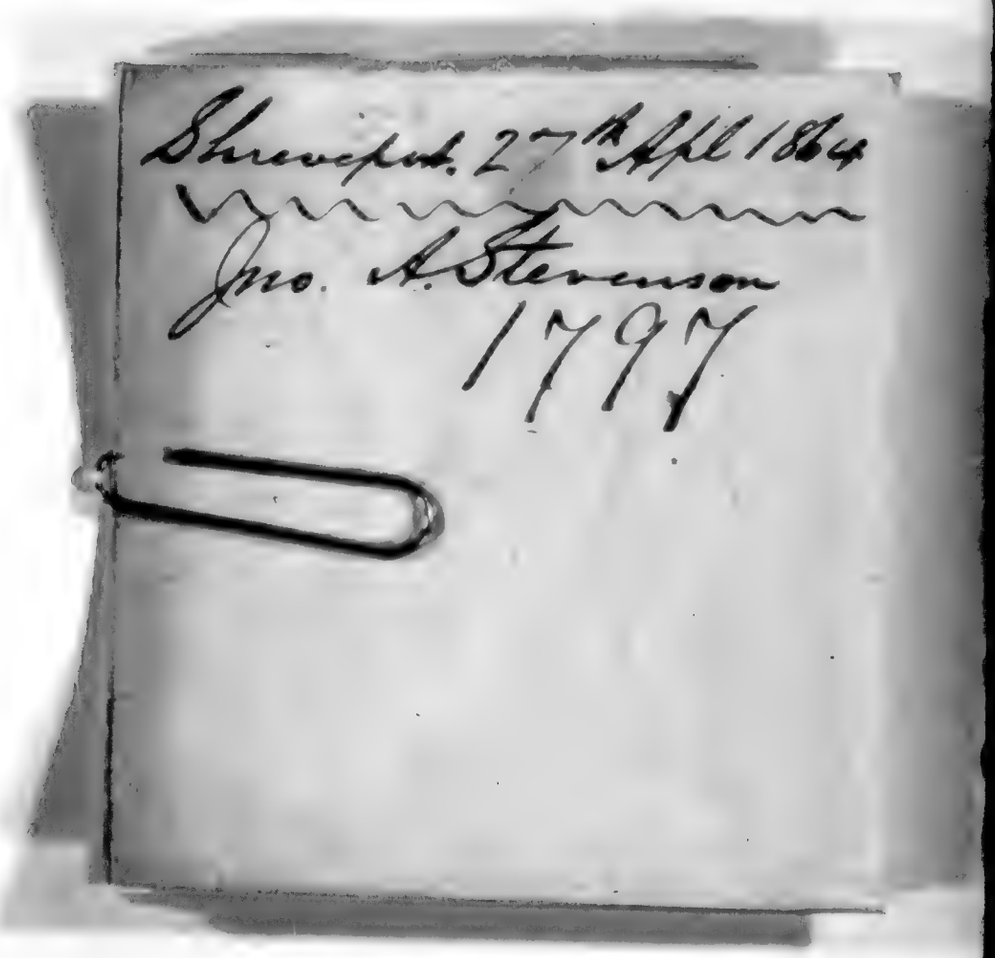
Capt. J. Steele has been running in the Red River for sometime with his Steamboat — he is well known and favorably regarded as an honest upright faithful Good man — and full Credit is due to any Statements he makes —

Geo. W. Crump

The letter of Capt Shinds is respectfully referred to the Commissary Genl. & Q.M. Genl. — Under the request that Justice may be promptly done in this matter — a portion of the Stores purchased by Maj. Dawson late of the Miss Com. to buy Forage reached Jackson Miss. in June or July of last summer. I think it likely that any thing on which Capt Shinds Claims freight — is accounted for on the Subsistence returns of Col. R B Lee and Maj W L Lamar as received from Maj. Dawson — I have investigated the matter with some care — and think Capt Shinds entitled to freight and recommend that it be paid. — I have been shipping large quantities of Commissary from this Country myself and experience great difficulty in getting Steam Boats to work — which is attributable chiefly to the annoyance and delay expressed by them in getting their pay — In many instances I have been compelled to pay the freight out of Subsistence funds as the only means of getting the requisite transportation

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W A Broadwell
Lt Colonel C.S.A.

Application of
Capt E. Old Shinds
to obtain pay for
his services as
Waiter under the
Col U.S.A.


Shrewsbury 27th Apl 1864
Jno. A. Stevenson
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Shreveport La 26th April 1864

Lt. Genl E. Kirby Smith

Genl -

Maj. Simpson G. has orders
which results in failure attributable chiefly
to the action of A. W. Mackie.
This was wrote down, not to let
me. come out - He had an
arrangement with the U.S. Govmt
by which the Federals were to
take possession of all Govmt
Cotton & divide the proceeds with the
Rebels, this is true beyond the
possibility of doubt - I am of
opinion Govmt may get a good part of
the Cotton, & prevented by a
plan which would have for some
up the Federal finances for some
time - reacting back into N Orleans,
a number of communications - one
of which he entrusted to me - the
other informed his friends that
Cotton would not be burned.
I am ready to confirm before me
the above. & to state Statements which
I think should cause him to be
arrested - Maj Simpson is now
charged - Genl Bailey Franklin in Lou
& Mackie took the oath of allegiance with a
view to trade - & upon his return
was found - I refer one of
the above named - for further details

which I saw in Alexandria
a messenger who had just
arrived from Mexico - who
Communicated with the
Yankees. & left again,
I also saw the Contractor
of Mexico at Alexandria
- who was authorized to
take charge of the Cotton
on the Rio Grande Route -
There is two Routes
there. but Texas &
Grand Ocean. was one
Good - My information is the
same derived through 3 distinct
Channels - Communicated to me
after the destruction of the Cotton,
as reasons, why I was not per-
mitted to learn their orders - which
I demanded on a number of
occasions - My information are
Good ones - At Length I received
the Letter to go me over whom
I left the city to be employed

Right to do anything - that would
prevent an immediate election. as
this would be an election but
sufficient to send back any
other Electors interfered with
that Cotton appointed

Brief said that the original
Contemplated
the Capture of Electors at
Alexandria - which was
no doubt Conducted at
the time, there was
much on Board a Federal
Gun Boat near Pt Hudson

Respy
Wm A Stevenson

Ex Mss. Moved Resolution

Respectfully Yours &c

Wm. A. Stevenson

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Head Quarters, Trans-Mississippi Department,

OFFICE OF THE COTTON BUREAU.

Shreveport La June 14th 1864

Lt. Col. W. A. Broadnax

Chief of Cotton Bureau

Sir. By request of Capt W. C. Block I proceeded to Pulaski on the Robins and Marks an inspection of the Govt Cotton thereon. also the Float Boats & the Cotton therein then lying loaded by Capt Moore & Spraker, and beg respectfully to make the following report.

Boat Little Sorg 1st the Cotton there is in Good order 1/4 is in Moderately good order. 1/4 is in bad order Not in Condition to be moved in till repaired with New rope. & about 1/2 the Cotton there in bulk or Comparatively So requiring reboxing & New rope & bagging when the Skids over all of the Cotton there is in wretched Condition requiring repairing immediately to save the Cotton from utter ruin. I found the boats built by Moore & Smoker of excellent Quality will adapted to Carry Cotton Safely, from Sinking but not roofed. Consequently after being loaded the Cotton gets wet. and in two days the upper half of cotton. Fourteen boats have been loaded & started away, about 250 Bs. each. In Consequence of the Continued rainy Weather. Since a large portion of the boats, were loaded and also in Consequence of the

inferior quality of the rope on said Cotton when put on board said boats. My opinion is that the largest portion of said Cotton will be without rope sufficient to permit its removal from the boats when they arrive at Orange In view of this state of the Cotton and that the river had Commenced rising and that no more hands to run or to load the remaining boats Could be got I recommended three Gentlemen to go off immediately with the boats loaded. So as to insure their getting out on this rise I also recommended & persuaded one of them to take with them one of the "Rope" from at Pulaski and that rope be sent from Houston to Orange to have repair & sent in order the Cotton and in My opinion such a Course will have to be adopted to save said Cotton from total loss. Notwithstanding the best efforts of Mrs. Howard & Smoker

Respectfully Yours &c

Wm. A. Stevenson

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Thursday afternoon.

My dear Mrs Schaumburg.

If you intend to pay Mamma a
visit a-bed, I would advise you to do so without any
unnecessary delay, as the Ravens at the Arms of Leeds
may part you a few weeks later to a great deal of in-
convenience. I would take advantage of the fair

Camp Bragg Sunday Night 3rd Jan 1864

My dear Dell wright

I received your letter of the 2d yesterday, and am very sorry that I cannot go to Shreveport to see you dear Mother. I have been away so recently & so long, that it might give cause of dissatisfaction to others if I were to leave again under any pretext, & more than that it is by no means improbable that Gen Polmer may bring on a fight some of these days, through his spasmodic efforts to efface the disgrace which his inefficient & mischievous administration of affairs has stamped upon him. Shelby's Brigade is even now passing on Rd from Washington to Camden, ordered thither by Gen Polmer, to take part in some demonstration or other, which he contemplates, & which, if executed, will probably precipitate a fight. I do not presume to criticise the movement, for I do not know its object, but unless that object be very important, & the weather very clear, I deem that it ought not to be undertaken in this intensely cold & bad weather. No military operation except one of pressing importance ought to be undertaken by us in such weather. The troops had better go into winter quarters & be prepared for an early & vigorous Spring Campaign. We have neither men nor material to throw away upon petite campaigns. I have just heard that Shelby's Brigade has been countermanded & that he has been ordered to stay where he was, 16 Miles beyond Washington, sixty from here. So his men have had this terrible march for nothing

I am told however that having started, he intends to go on to Camden, which is only 20 miles from here. It will be an amusing history - that which will undertake to record Lyon's Administration of this Department. Poor old man! But my pity for him is lost in the sadness which fills my heart when I think of the untold sufferings that he has inflicted upon individuals, & the almost irreparable harm that he has inflicted upon the Confederacy & above all on Missouri.

I have been busy for the last two or three days examining, correcting, & putting into shape the Monthly Returns of the troops of this Division for December, & the Muster Rolls. The scarcity of blanks, & the inexperience of the officers, has prevented the attainment of any thing more than an approximation to accuracy, & a faint approach to neatness. I forwarded the Returns to Camden today, & the Muster Rolls are ready to be transmitted to your office. I took this thing in hand this time, (it is the last) for the sake of having it well done properly once. I am rather disgusted with the statements of my pains, tho' I have gained a great deal of information as to the condition of the Army, & that satisfies me. I am going to attempt (if I meet with the proper encouragement) to get this Division, & particularly the Missouri troops, into a higher state of preparedness for the next campaign. I say the Missouri troops particularly, because you told me you wished to take away the other from Gen Price at any time, & I do not feel zealous enough to begin a work which will have no completion.

I have written you a long business letter instead of one personal & miscellaneous & there is one, as I intended. I am very sorry that I have been so little of you mother, I have not been here at all hardly. And yet I do want to see her & Lou more than almost any one else in the world. I shall hope to see her when she starts homeward. If she will not stop here a day, I'll go on with her, & you know if permitted to do so, & I will certainly ask for the permission. Advise her & all means to return by way of Little Rock. The Roads will be very bad. & will be getting worse all the time, after the next week or so, but this is by far the shortest & safest route. Give her & Louie my very best & dearest love.

Col. Geo. B. Clark wrote this father a few days ago, & the letter was sent to Shreveport unstamped, directed simply to "Hon Geo B. Clark. C. S. Senate. Richmond." Will you do him & me the favor to see whether it is still in the P.O. at Shreveport, & if it is, to give it the proper direction, & stamp it, if necessary.

I read the President's message last night with a great deal of pleasure. It is a very able document, & its tone is lofty & confident. Have you read it yet?

We have great rumors tonight of a tremendous victory which Lee has won over Meade, I fear that it is not very reliable. Maclean has just returned from a week's visit to Anton. Has Col. Allston returned. Present my kindest regards to all of my friends. Yours devotedly

Edmund Read

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Wednesday afternoon.

My dear Mr Schaumburg.

If you intend to go home within a week or two, I would advise you to do so without any unnecessary delay, as the rains of the Arkansas towards may put you a few weeks later to a great deal of inconvenience. I would take advantage of the first moderation of the weather, which shall promise to be at all certain. I can give you a good recommend to Little Rock, in Capt Stevenson, of that City, the a half-brother of Jesse Mathews, & a cousin of Hamilt. he has just been here on his way to Canton, and he directs me to say that he will be most happy to be your escort, if you might cannot go, now the advantage of going with him is that he knows the County perfectly, & is an experienced traveller, & knows one of Gov: Holmes' Aids.

The weather continues to be intensely cold,

Yours with the sincerest love & respect

Thomas L. Head.

Shreveport La 4th Decbr
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Referring to the settlement
of the Claim of Messrs
Moore Smoker

Shreveport La. Dec 21. th 1864

Col H. A. Boodell

Sir I have examined the Contract of Moore & Smoker to deliver 5000 Bales Cotton at Houston. Texas. by a strict Construction of the terms therein they would be liable for all damage incurred on said Cotton. Yet in as much as they have worked hard & had many unforseen difficulties to contend with I think in equity the Govt ought to pay them freight on 3442 Bales. @ the Stipulated price say $30 pr. deducting $8 pr bale Rail Road Freight from Jonesville Houston. also. deducting the Cost price of such articles as have been supplied to them.

Respectfully Yours.

H. A. Stevenson

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